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SUBJECT Mervin K. Hart (deceased)

(~~1955~~-1962)

April 1953 →

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FOIA # 260256

Additional request for documents per your letter dated June 14, 1988.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Reference is made to your memorandum dated October 2, 1941, in which you set forth certain information regarding Mervin K. Hart, President of the New York State Economic Council, which originated with [redacted] b7C

[redacted] by an Agent of this Bureau b7D [redacted] furnished information with respect to Mervin K. Hart. Specifically this information pertained to [redacted] The New York State Economic Council, which is made up of approximately 17,000 members in New York State, was set up for the following purposes:

1. To curb Government spending.
2. To reduce oppressive taxation.
3. To oppose subversive groups.
4. To oppose stifling restriction of private enterprise.
5. To promote true recovery.

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Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Carson
Mr. Holloman
Mr. Quinn Tamm
Mr. Hendon
Mr. Tracy
Miss Gandy

SENT FROM D. O.
TIME 10:10 AM
DATE 10-6-41
BY

Memorandum for the Attorney General U

The Council is stated to be strongly anti-Roosevelt and anti-Communist, distributing through other organizations propaganda along these lines. U

The Council during the Spanish Revolution took sides with the Spanish Republicans and supported General Franco. U

Merwin K. Hart is stated to be General Manager of the Cream of Wheat Corporation and originally maintained his home in Utica, New York. The opinion was [redacted] that he was a sincere and fiery patriot who honestly believes the country is in danger from a "red menace." U

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Hart has written a book entitled "America - Look at Spain," which reportedly expresses his political views and he has traveled to Spain, Germany and Italy for the purpose of making observations in these countries. U

[redacted] U

Hart has been known to be contacted by [redacted] and apparently some friendship exists between them. Hart was also in contact with [redacted] which organization was reportedly registered under the provisions of the McCormack Act as a propaganda agency and was supporting Republican Spain. U

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Memorandum for the Attorney General

[redacted]

With specific reference to your request as to whether [redacted] had been interviewed on the basis of information furnished to the New York office of this Bureau on [redacted] please be advised that on that date [redacted] furnished information similar to that in your possession to the New York office. [redacted]

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The information with respect to the affiliation between Hart and the Honorable Martin Dies, United States Representative from Texas, is somewhat different than that furnished by [redacted]

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FBI/DOJ

April 10, 1953

[redacted]

NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC.
Empire State Building
New York, New York

No investigation has been conducted by the FBI pertinent to your inquiry concerning the above-named organization.

However, there is set forth below a general summary of the information contained in FBI files regarding the National Economic Council, Inc. This data has been made available to the FBI by various informants believed to be reliable.

The National Economic Council, Inc., formerly known as the New York State Economic Council was incorporated in the state of New York on September 15, 1931. At the time it was incorporated this organization maintained offices in New York City and Utica, New York.

The organization was founded by Merwin Kimble Hart who became its first president. Hart was born on June 21, 1881, at Utica, New York. He graduated from Harvard University in 1904 and in 1906 he was elected for a two year term to the General Assembly of the State of New York. Hart was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1911 and became a member of the law firm of Hart and Senior. In 1914, Hart and several prominent business men in Utica, New York, organized the Utica Mutual Insurance Company, and a few years later, when the United States entered the war, Hart, although possessing defective eyesight, enlisted in the Army, and when discharged in 1918 he had obtained the rank of Captain in a noncombat unit. Following World War I, Hart engaged in the manufacturing business with his father-in-law and later became active in numerous movements to reduce state appropriated expenditures in the State of New York. Thereafter, he established the New York State Economic Council, and according to a publication dated in December, 1952, he is still president of that organization.

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With reference to the aims and purposes of the organization a publication dated December 20, 1937, by this organization states under the caption "What the Council Stands For" that "the New York State Economic Council, for seven years, has tried to curb excessive public expenditures and to prevent further burden on private enterprise. Several years ago we reached the conclusion that the major forces pushing expenditures up and private enterprise down are the active proponents in America of the philosophy of Marxian Socialism."

An undated folder published by the New York State Economic Council, which was received by this Bureau in February, 1939, sets forth on the cover that the objectives of this organization are as follows:

(1) Curb government spending
(2) Reduce oppressive taxation
(3) Oppose subversive groups
(4) Oppose stifling restriction of private enterprise
(5) Promote true recovery.

Within the above-mentioned folder the organization describes its purposes as "we seek to curb government spending, to prevent the further imposition of burdens enterprise, and to remove some already existing. We aim to interpret the needs of the private enterprise to government, to show private citizens how they can take an effective part in public affairs, to make intelligent suggestions to federal, state and local governments."

The name of the organization was changed from the New York State Economic Council to the National Economic Council, Incorporated, at a special meeting of the Board of Directors held at Chicago, Illinois, on June 28 and 29, 1943. It was indicated that at that time its future headquarters would be 350 5th Avenue, New York City.

The National Economic Council, Inc., publishes a semi-monthly "Economic Council Letter" and a monthly "Economic Council Review of Books." The Economic Council letters proport to set forth the organizations views toward economic and political matters of current interest.

A review of several of these publications dating from 1937 to 1951, reflects that the National Economic Council, Inc., has always taken a strong anti-Communist view. During the period immediately prior to World War II, several of these publications indicated that the National Economic Council, Inc., were strongly in favor of the pro-Franco forces in Spain. As a result of the foregoing the organization has been described by the Communist publications and individuals as a "Fascist" group.

According to some of the later publications the National Economic Council, Inc., at the present time maintains offices in several large American cities.

There is no information in any of the publications of this organization indicating that it is Communist infiltrated, influenced or controlled.

As of additional possible interest it has been reliable reported that on November 6, 1942, Merwin K. Hart filed a million dollar liable suit against the organization "Friends of Democracy, Inc.) in Utica, New York, for allegedly calling him a "quisling" and that among other things alleging that he was disseminating pro-Franco propaganda, of approving the measures of Franco and the intervention of the Nazies and Italian troups in Spain, and justifying Nazism and Fascism as a weapon to destroy Communism. This suit was reportedly discontinued in late 1944, the terms of which were not revealed. (100-128996)

The above information is furnished for your confidential use only and is not to be distributed outside of your agency. This is the result of an FBI file check only and is not to be considered as a clearance or nonclearance of the individual involved.

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January 14, 1955

[redacted]

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated January 6, 1955, with enclosures, has been received.

It was indeed thoughtful of you to write and bring this material to my attention, and I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

Note: Salutation and arrangement of address per Reading Room. Correspondent enclosed a pamphlet entitled "Economic Council Letter" which is published semi-monthly by the National Economic Council, Inc., New York, and a pamphlet entitled "Common Sense and the H Bomb" published by the Socialist Labor Party. Bufiles 100-128996-113 reflects that the FBI has conducted no investigation concerning the National Economic Council, Inc., and that there was no information in the publications of that organization to indicate that it is either Communist infiltrated, influenced or controlled.
Bufile on Socialist Labor Party - 100-25208

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

DATE: February 24, 1955

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: MERVIN K. HART
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In a memorandum to Mr. Belmont dated 2/21/55, Mr. Hennrich advised that Assistant Attorney General Olney called from the Department at 4:05 p.m., February 21, 1955, requesting advice as to information in Bufiles concerning Mervin K. Hart, whom he described as a Fascist. Mr. Hennrich noted in his memorandum that he advised Mr. Olney that Olney would undoubtedly want to check the Department's files concerning Hart, and Bufiles would be checked and he would be advised of any information not already furnished to the Department.

A check of Bufiles reveals that Hart was a subject of a security-type investigation by the Bureau initiated in 1942, when information was received from the Attorney General indicating that Hart was an individual being paid at that time by General Franco of Spain. Periodic reports were submitted in this case by New York, the office of origin, and auxiliary offices, and the case was closed by report from the New York office dated April 22, 1948. Investigation indicated that Hart was considered pro-Fascist, pro-Franco, and was sympathetic with the America First Group. There is no information in Bufiles indicating that he was or is at the present time sympathetic to the Communist Party. Copies of pertinent reports of the above-mentioned investigation were furnished to the Department during the investigation. In addition to the reports, the Department was furnished memoranda concerning Hart under the dates 10/4/41, 1/28/48, and 4/13/50. Bufiles contain no pertinent information which is not already in the possession of the Department concerning Hart. Mervin K. Hart is President of the National Economic Council, Inc., Empire State Building, New York City, which was founded by him in September, 1931. He has been its president since that time. The National Economic Council, Inc., is described in the organization's literature as follows: "The National Economic Council is a non-profit, non-partisan, membership corporation, organized under the Laws of the State of New York, and dedicated to the preservation of Private Enterprise and the American way of life and the maintenance of American Independence." (100-128996)

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1 - Mr. Boardman
1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - [redacted] b7C
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MEMO TO BOARDMAN February 24, 1955

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that Assistant Attorney General Olney be orally advised that Bufiles contain no pertinent information concerning Hart which is not already in the possession of the Department.

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Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

FROM : Mr. Stanley

DATE: June 3, 1955

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Bureau files do not contain any information of a pertinent nature concerning [redacted] Merwin Kimball Hart, Sr., who is the president of the "National Economic Council, Inc.," Empire State Building, New York, New York. The National Economic Council, Inc., formerly known as the New York State Economic Council publishes a semi-monthly "Economic Council Letter" and a monthly "Economic Council Review of Books." The Economic Council letters purport to set forth the organization's views toward economic and political matters of current interest. A review of several of these publications dating from 1937 to 1951 reflects that the organization has always taken a strong anti-Communist view. During the period immediately prior to World War II several of these publications indicated that the National Economic Council, Inc., was strongly in favor of the pro-Franco forces in Spain, as a result of which the organization has been described by Communist publications and individuals as a "Fascist" group.

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There is no information in any of the publications of this organization indicating that it is Communist infiltrated, influenced, or controlled.

As of possible interest it was reliably reported that on November 6, 1942, Merwin Kimball Hart, Sr., filed a million dollar libel suit against the organization "Friends of Democracy, Inc.," in Utica, New York, for allegedly calling him a "quisling" and, among other things, alleging that he was disseminating pro-Franco propaganda. The suit was reportedly discontinued in late 1944, the terms of which were not revealed. All pertinent information concerning Merwin Kimball Hart, Sr., was furnished to OSI by memorandum dated April 10 1953

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JUN 21 1955

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) That the Liaison Section advise [redacted] the FBI has no information concerning [redacted] all pertinent information concerning Merwin Kimball Hart, Sr., was furnished to [redacted] in a blank memo dated April 10, 1953, captioned "National Economic Council, Inc., Empire State Building, New York, New York" and that it is contemplated that no further action will be taken under Executive Order 10450 in the absence of a specific request.

(2) That the enclosed [redacted] be returned [redacted] with the notation that "a review of FBI files reflects that all available information pertaining to [redacted] has been furnished to the employing agency."

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October 25, 1957

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated October 18, 1957, with its enclosure, has been received.

I have noted with interest the contents of the enclosure, and it was most thoughtful of you to forward it to me.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

MAILED 11
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1 - Boston
1 - New York (enclosure - 1cc of enclosure to incoming)

ATTENTION: SACs Boston and New York

Cordial correspondence has been had with [redacted] in the past. He forwarded copy of "Economic Council Letter" dated October 15, 1957, which was published by the National Economic Council, Incorporated, New York, New York. This "Letter" sets out what is purported to be a communist leader's confidential report to the Kremlin masters.

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This is for your information.

SEE NOTE ON YELLOW ON PAGE TWO

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

[redacted] corresponded with Bureau in early 1940s concerning insurance coverage in defense plants and Bureau jurisdiction in these types of plants. [redacted] He forwarded "Letter" for Bureau's information with note it must be a "plant."

Bufile 100-128996 reflects that the National Economic Council, Incorporated, formerly known as the New York State Economic Council, publishes a semimonthly "Economic Council Letter" and a monthly "Economic Council Review of Books." A review of publications from 1937 to 1951 reflected a strong anticommunist stand. The publications indicated that the organization was pro-Franco during the Spanish Civil War and communist publications described the National Economic Council, Incorporated, as a "fascist" group. No investigation conducted by Bureau.

"Economic Council Letter" purported to be a communist leader's confidential report to the Kremlin masters. Publisher does not vouch for its authenticity "but the acuteness of the author's observations and the accuracy of his deductions should be considered by every American."

Contents of "Letter" generally concerned ways and means communism will succeed in United States and what accomplishments have been made to reach this objective.

Correspondent's attachment is typical of propaganda currently being disseminated by citizens' councils and could very well be a "plant" as correspondent has indicated.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease

DATE: April 29, 1958

FROM : M. A. Jones

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SUBJECT: MERWIN K. HART
PRESIDENT
NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC.
7501 EMPIRE STATE BUILDING
NEW YORK 1, NEW YORK

File 4/30

100-128996-124

Reference is made to the attached letter dated April 22, 1958, from the above-captioned individual. Along with his letter Hart enclosed the March 15 and April 1, 1958, issues of "Economic Council Letter" which he issues. The April 1 issue contains a verbatim reprint from the Director's book, "Masters of Deceit." This reprint concerns the section which discusses how the United States would fare under a communist government. The March 15 issue is entitled "The Jews In Our Midst."

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In his letter he comments favorably concerning "Masters of Deceit" but says that several members of the National Economic Council have written to him indicating that they could not reconcile chapter 19 (which deals with communism and Judaism) with the remainder of the book. Hart makes special reference to the Director's statement on page 257 that some of the most effective opposition to communism in this country has come from Jewish organizations. Hart then states: "It would be interesting to receive any suggestions from you as to how we might answe these letters."

It is believed that Hart's letter should not be acknowledged. He obviously is trying to secure a quotation from the Director concerning Judaism and communism which he can then send to members of his organization. Bufile 100-12899 reflects that Hart was a subject of a security-type investigation by the Bureau initiated in 1942, when information was received indicating that Hart was an individual being paid at that time by General Franco of Spain. Investigation indicated that Hart was considered profascist, pro-Franco and was sympathetic with the America First Group. Hart was shown as President of the National Economic Council, founded by him in 1931. The enclosure to his letter entitled "The Jews In Our Midst" indicates that he and his group are hostile to Jewish influence in the United States. He seems worried that Chapter 19 of the book is contrary to this issue of his paper.

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RECOMMENDATION:

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That the attached letter of Hart not be acknowledged.

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Miss Gandy

NATIONAL ECONO[...]NCIL, Inc.

7501 Empire State Building

New York 1, N. Y. — FOUNDED 1930

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Cable Address: Nacocoun, N. Y.

The quotation from "Masters of Deceit" appears on pages 2 and 3.

April 22, 1958

Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We quoted considerably from the first chapter of your book, "Masters of Deceit," in Council Letter 428, of which I enclose a copy. Since then, we have heard from several of our members, one of whom writes us as follows, and this is a rather characteristic letter:

> "I have just finished reading MASTERS OF DECEIT. Can you possibly reconcile Chapter 19, with your Letter #427 for me?
>
> "I cannot for one minute believe that J. Edgar Hoover doesn't know what's going on, and as far as I am concerned, that one chapter completely nullifies the whole book.
>
> "We really have our backs to the wall, haven't we?"

What the writer refers to is, I think, in particular the statement on page 257, that "Some of the most effective opposition to communism in the United States has come from Jewish organizations such as B'nai B'rith,...the Anti-Defamation League, and a host of other Jewish groups."

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It would be interesting to receive any suggestions from you as to how we might answer these letters.

EX-112 — 18 MAY 2 1958

We still think that "Masters of Deceit" is one of the most valuable books that has been written to lay bare the communist menace to the American people.

Very sincerely yours,

Merwin K. Hart

Merwin K. Hart, President

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Jones to Nease 4-29-58

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Mr. Tolson
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11:06AM May 12, 1958

MR. MERWIN K. HART, President, National Economic Council, telephoned through operator from New York City. He asked to speak with one of the Director's assistants. Arrangements were made for him to speak with Mr. Wick in Mr. Nease's Office.

Mr. Wick has advised that Mr. Hart stated that he seemed to recall reading a statement by the Director to the effect that about one million people in the United States are either intentionally or unintentionally aiding the communists. He wanted to know if the Director had, in fact, made such a statement.

Mr. Hart was advised that the Director had not made a statement to that effect. Mr. Hart expressed his appreciation and stated that he wanted to be sure before quoting the Director.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nease

FROM : M. A. Jones

DATE: October 21, 1958

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SUBJECT: MERWIN K. HART, PRESIDENT
NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC.
7501 EMPIRE STATE BUILDING
NEW YORK 1, NEW YORK

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The Director received an invitation from above-captioned individual dated 10-16-58 inviting him to attend an informal dinner on 11-5-58 at The University Club in New York City in honor of Herbert A. Philbrick. You desired background data on Hart. An in-absence reply declining his invitation is attached.

Bufiles reflect he was the subject of a security type investigation conducted between 1942 to April, 1948, New York origin. This revealed he was pro-Fascist, pro-Franco and was sympathetic to America First Group. No information indicating present or past sympathy with the Communist Party. In 1942 he filed a million dollar libel suit against the Friends of Democracy, Inc., Utica, New York, for allegedly calling him a "Quizzling" and was alleging that he was disseminating pro-Franco propaganda, approving the measures of Franco and the intervention of Nazi and Italian Troops in Spain and just having Nazism and Facism as weapons to destroy communism. The suit was reportedly discontinued in 1944 and terms of settlement were not known.

Hart has been President of the National Economic Council, Inc., since it was founded in 1930. This group claims to be a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization dedicated to the preservation of private enterprise and the American way of life. Literature of the organization lists its objectives as to curb government spending, reduce oppressive taxation, oppose subversive groups, oppose stifling restrictions of private enterprise and promote true recovery. The organization has been described as strongly pro-Franco and "fascist." It also has been termed as violently anti-labor and has made reckless attacks against the United Nations. In 1941, Hart requested to be placed on the mailing list to receive copies of the Director's speech. This was not acknowledged. On March 27, 1958, he telephoned the Director's Office and spoke to Mr. Wick asking permission to quote from "Masters of Deceit." He was referred to the publisher. No other communications from him have been acknowledged.

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That the attached in-absence reply be forwarded to Hart.

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7501 Empire State Building

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

October 16, 1958

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The Honorable J. Edgar Hoover
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover: National Economic Council, Inc

Will you be my guest at a small informal dinner on Wednesday, November 5, at The University Club, One West Fifty-fourth Street, New York, at six-thirty?

Our guest of honor will be Mr. Herbert A. Philbrick, well-known columnist and lecturer. He will speak off the record on the present situation, and make some suggestions for corrective action. As you remember, Mr. Philbrick was for nine years in the Communist Party as a counterspy for the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I hope you will let me know that you can come.

Very sincerely yours,

Merwin K Hart

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October 22, 1958

Mr. Merwin K. Hart
President
National Economic Council, Inc.
7501 Empire State Building
New York 1, New York

Dear Mr. Hart:

Your letter of October 16, 1958, has been received during Mr. Hoover's absence from the city, and I am acknowledging it for him.

After a check of Mr. Hoover's schedule, I find that a prior commitment will preclude his accepting your invitation for the informal dinner on November 5.

Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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Office Mem[illegible]um • UNITED [illegible] GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Tolson DATE: October 22, 1958

FROM : G. A. Nease

SUBJECT: MERWIN K. HART, PRESIDENT
NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC
7501 EMPIRE STATE BUILDING
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Subject: Merwin K. Hart

The following document pertains to your reformulated FOIA request letter dated June 14, 1988, under ITEM #3:

For your information:

Reply to Hoover's instructions in memo dated February 16, 1959, (100-128996-not recorded), was not located in Hart's main file, but was located as a cross reference in Bureau file# 105-76289-72.

As previously described to you, in processing cross references, the pages considered for possible release included only those pages which mention the subject of your request and any additional pages showing the context in which the subject of your request was mentioned. When such a page also contained information about other subject matters, the information "outside the scope" of the request was marked "o/s" and bracketed. Whenever possible, the o/s material was released; however, it was withheld if consultation with another government agency would be required or if it would have been otherwise exempt from disclosure. For your information, the exemptions that would have applied to that material had it been within the scope of your request have also been noted on the document.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC, New York DATE: February 16, 1959

FROM Director, FBI CONFIDENTIAL

SUBJECT: ARAB PARTICIPATION AND INFLUENCE IN DISTRIBUTION OF HATE LITERATURE IN THE UNITED STATES IS - MIDDLE EAST

A series of five articles appeared in the "New York Daily News" from 1/20-24/59 written by David Burk entitled "Peddling Hate in America: Egypt's Nasser." In these articles Burk accuses the Arabs (particularly President Nasser of the United Arab Republic) for fomenting much of anti-Jewish acts perpetrated by hate groups in United States by alleging anti-Jewish literature prepared by the Arabs has been given to Americans active in racist and hate campaigns for distribution. The articles further point out that some of these racists have been in contact with Arab officials and establishments in this country and some of their publications have contained pro-Nasser propaganda, the implication being that such propaganda was furnished by the Arabs. One Photostat each of these articles is enclosed for the use of each recipient office.

These articles specifically name certain persons as being leaders of a hate corps acting in behalf of President Nasser of the United Arab Republic in spreading anti-Jewish literature in this country through their publications or their activities. The names of these individuals together with the identities of the offices of origin of investigation concerning them or their publications are:

(1) James H. Madole: head of the National Renaissance Party, New York City.

New York is office of origin of current investigation entitled "National Renaissance Party, IS - X," New York file 105-6112 [redacted] b7c

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Re: Arab Participation and Influence in Distribution of Hate Literature in the United States

(2) Benjamin H. Freedman

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Freedman publishes periodically publication entitled "Fact for Fact." New York's attention directed to your file entitled "Fact for Fact, IS - X," New York file 105-23983.

(3) Merwin K. Hart - Bufiles reflect Hart is president of the National Economic Council, Inc., 7501 Empire State Building, New York City, and this organization prepares publication entitled "Economic Council Letter." New York is office of origin of former investigation entitled "Merwin Kimball Hart, was; IS - X," New York file 100-21056.

(4) Charles Smith - Bufiles reflect Smith heads the Truth Seeker Company, Inc., 38 Park Row, New York 8, New York. No investigation has been conducted concerning this organization; however, our files show it to be an avowedly atheistic group which publishes material designed to further the cause of atheism in this country. New York's file number not known.

(5) Harold N. Arrowsmith, Jr.

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Baltimore's attention is directed to Baltimore airtel 7/24/58 [redacted] b7C

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(6) Gerald B. Winrod - Bufiles reflect Winrod is deceased but formerly was editor of "The Defender Magazine," which is published in Wichita, Kansas. Kansas City is office of origin of case entitled "The Defender Magazine; IS - X," Kansas City file 61-163.

(7) Frank L. Britton - Bufiles show Britton is editor of "The American Nationalist," a monthly publication of organization of same name located at Inglewood, California. Los Angeles' attention directed to case entitled "The American Nationalist; IS - X," Los Angeles file 100-44603.

(8) Gerald L. K. Smith - Bufiles show he is Director of Christian Nationalist Crusade whose main publication is "The Cross and the Flag." Los Angeles' attention directed to case entitled "Christian Nationalist Crusade, aka; Racial Matters," Los Angeles file 100-7945.

(9) Robert H. Williams - Bufiles show Williams is publisher of the "Williams Intelligence Summary," a monthly publication published from Williams' address, Post Office Box 868, Santa Ana, California. Los Angeles is office of origin of case entitled "Williams Intelligence Summary; IS - C," Los Angeles file number is not known.

(10) Conde McGinley - Bufiles indicate McGinley is head of the Christian Educational Association (CEA), Union, New Jersey, which is publisher of "Common Sense." Newark is office of origin of pending IS - X investigation concerning the CEA, Newark file 105-1910.

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(11) George Lincoln Rockwell
6512 Williamsburg Boulevard
Arlington, Virginia

Bufiles reflect Rockwell was suspect in connection with the bombing of the Jewish Temple at Atlanta, Georgia, on 10/12/58. WFO's attention referred to WFO file 100-34886 entitled "George Lincoln Rockwell, Information Concerning," Richmond's file number not known.

In order to ascertain the extent of Arab participation and influence in the distribution of hate literature in the United States, a file has been opened bearing instant caption. Each office is instructed to make a complete and thorough review of its files concerning the above individuals and publications published by those persons located in their respective divisions in order to locate all information which may indicate Arab influence, associations or connection in any way with above persons or their publications. You should be particularly alert for any information indicating that articles prepared by the Arabs or constituting Arab propaganda are published in any of the publications. [redacted] (c) In addition to a thorough file review, you should also contact established sources and informants for any information they may have in this regard. All leads developed therefrom should be afforded thorough and intensive investigation. The results of your efforts in connection with above should be set forth in detail, properly documented as to source, in report form under instant caption and submitted within 30 days from receipt of this letter.

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Object of this file is to compile a complete picture of this particular situation and to effect a definite separation of this investigation, for report purposes, from any past or present investigations of these individuals, their organizations and their publications. This will eliminate reporting of extraneous data in connection with this case. The New York Office is designated as office of origin.

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Reports in this case should be designed to provide a well-documented picture of the background of the individual involved, the nature and extent of his participation in distribution of hate literature, the allegations in the news articles indicating his connections or associations with the Arabs, any prior data available in files on this point, and results of investigation to determine extent of participation and influence in or control of his activities by Arabs. Reports should be planned and coordinated so that Newark Office report, for example, will be restricted to data regarding Conde McGinley. In some offices several individuals will be involved and report should be broken down according to individuals. All offices should bear in mind in connection with interviews conducted as to whether persons being interviewed can furnish information regarding individuals in other offices and promptly furnish such data to appropriate field offices for inclusion in reports prepared by them.

In the event recipient offices are aware of other individuals or publications which allegedly are being used by or cooperating with Arabs in distributing hate literature, such information should also be set forth in these reports.

In any instance where data is developed or available indicating possibility of Registration Act violation separate cases should be opened promptly aimed at obtaining evidence and the investigation should be given continuous and preferred attention. Bureau should be advised immediately when case is opened. Concise summary of data developed in such individual case, carefully documented as to source, should also be reported in this control file.

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Re: Arab Participation and Influence in Distribution of Hate Literature in the United States

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Give this matter your continuous and prompt attention and make certain 30-day deadline is met.

NOTE:

Cover memorandum prepared [redacted] to Belmont re same subject dated 2-13-59 by [redacted] prd. b7C

EXTRA YELLOW FILE COPIES:

1 - 62-102412 (Fact for Fact)
1 - 100-128996 (Hart)
1 - 105-7906 (Truth Seeker)
1 - 62-83296 (National Renaissance Party)
1 - [redacted]
1 - 65-4832 (Winrod)
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1 - 105-10091 (Williams Intelligence Summary)
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1 - 105-70374 (Rockwell)

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Easy, Now, Mr. McCloy

OPEN LETTER

Mr. John J. McCloy, Chairman
The Chase Manhattan Bank
Pine Street
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

This statement of yours made last December 15 before the Investment Bankers Association of New York is deserving of further scrutiny:

"There is no question about the internal strength of our economy—it is stronger than ever."

It is with some trepidation that the undersigned operator of a couple of pint-sized cotton mills questions the head of a huge New York Bank. But, *after all*, size does not determine truth. And the bigger they were the louder they voiced their *false* pronouncements back in 1929.

No one in his right mind wants to live through another depression. But if a force greater than man did create this universe, and if in so doing, did impose certain natural laws beyond the control of puny man, and if those natural laws have been arrogantly violated over a period of years, it is quite possible that a painful hangover period awaits. In fact, the more positive the claims to immunity, the more likely is the day of reckoning. Because when man boasts the power to control the laws of nature, he is in effect denying the existence of God.

How can America be "stronger than ever," when after 28 years of Roosevelt-Truman-Eisenhower new deal, fair deal, modern Republican alchemy:

First: We find Our Freedom Vanishing.

To be sure we can still write letters like this, we can still attend the church of our choice and we can still speak out against the unconstitutional concentration of power in Washington.

But can we:

(a) Keep what we earn?
(b) Farm as we wish?
(c) Work as we choose?
(d) Dispose of our property freely?
(e) Possess gold?

Isn't the loss of economic freedom the forerunner of the bayonet and the firing squad, with subsequent loss of all freedom? Isn't that the warning Woodrow Wilson voiced in these words:

"The history of liberty is a history of the limitation of governmental power, not the increase of it. "When we resist therefore the concentration of power, we are resisting the processes of death, because a concentration of power is what always precedes the destruction of human liberty."

Second: We find Our Dollar Dishonest.

An honest dollar is one that can be redeemed in gold. Human history shows that when government removes this safeguard to fiscal honesty, insolvency follows. In 1932 our national debt was 19½ billion dollars. Today it is more than 290 billion dollars. If "internal strength" is built by ruining the purchasing power of the dollar through deficit spending and dishonest monetization of the debt, then all the lessons of the past, learned the hard way, are indeed meaningless.

Third: We find Our Government Infiltrated.

The communist conspiracy to conquer the world was but a gleam in Lenin's eye in 1918. But before he died in 1924 he prescribed along these lines:

> "First we will take Eastern Europe. Next the masses of Asia. Then we shall encircle that last bastion of capitalism, the United States of America. We shall not have to attack: it will fall like overripe fruit into our hands."

Roosevelt's ill-fated recognition of Stalin's regime in 1933, his tragic acceptance of Russia as a needless ally a few days before the end of World War II; the treacherous scheming of Alger Hiss in the forming of the United Nations; the unbelievable red-carpet appeasement of Khrushchev in America recently—all of these acts have played directly into the hands of the communists so that today there are some 700 million non-Russian, non-communists living as slaves behind the Iron Curtain. In America the communist infiltration of our government is so effective that, despite documentary evidence from the FBI and from Congressional Committees, their expulsion from positions of trust and power seems virtually impossible.

No, Mr. McCloy, surely a nation that has abandoned moral and spiritual values by exchanging personal responsibility and trust in God for false political promises of something-for-nothing is not "stronger than ever."

Isn't this the time to pray humbly for divine guidance; to seek a way to throw off the atheistic-socialistic-communistic yoke imposed upon us by the faithless, unprincipled politicians in control of both parties?

Sincerely yours,

A. G. HEINSOHN, Jr.
P.O. Box 152
Sevierville, Tennessee

In placing before the public my letter to Mr. McCloy, I am indebted to various patriotic organizations for exclusive and vital information, notably the National Economic Council, Inc., which publishes the semi-monthly Economic Council Letter.

The Council, founded in 1930, has had long experience in fighting for private enterprise and against communism. Their work merits your support.

I hope readers of The Wall Street Journal will send a contribution to the Council or will purchase bloc subscriptions, at $10 each, for public libraries, colleges or churches. Checks should be made payable to National Economic Council, Inc.

A. G. Heinsohn, Jr.

To: National Economic Council, Inc.
7501 Empire State Building
New York 1, N.Y.

I enclose $.... for
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October 24, 1961

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of October 13, 1961, with enclosures, was received as Mr. Hoover was leaving the city.

He wanted me to inform you that the FBI, as an investigative agency of the Federal Government, does not furnish comments or evaluations concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Consequently, it is not possible to be of service in connection with your requests, and you should not infer either that we do or do not have data in our files regarding the subjects of your inquiry.

Mr. Hoover also asked me to send some material which might be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

~~J. Edgar Hoover~~

Helen W. Gandy
Secretary

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4-17-61 Internal Security Statement
4-61 LEB Introduction
What You Can Do To Fight Communism
The Communist Party Line

NOTE: Bufiles contain no information concerning correspondent. She enclosed a publication issued by the National Economic Council, Inc., New York City, which was critical of the current administration, alleging that its policies were leading to world government; an item from the "American

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NOTE CONTINUED.......... Mercury" alleging that 1000 communists were working for the U. S. Government; letters to the editor of a newspaper concerning the training of Yugoslav pilots in the U. S., and advocating that the FBI make available the names of known communists. Bufiles reflect that the National Economic Council advocates conservative political views and is strongly anticommunist. Some communists have labeled it fascist due to its favoring pro-Franco forces in Spain prior to World War II. We have conducted no investigation relative to it. The "American Mercury" is an alleged anticommunist publication and has the reputation of being bitterly anti-Semitic. It was the subject of a Registration Act investigation in 1958; our investigation failed to substantiate the allegations made against it. The American Women for World Peace and Understanding is an organization which has been brought to the Bureau's attention in the past but as yet no investigation has been conducted relative to it. It is supported by Cyrus Eaton. In view of correspondent's highly critical comments regarding current governmental policies, an in-absence response was deemed advisable. In view of this, no attempt was made to cover in our outgoing all of the points mentioned in her letter.

U.S. Department of Justice

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

February 9, 2004

MR ERNIE LAZAR
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Mervin K. Hart

HQ 100-128996
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Subject: FILE #100 128996 (SERIALS 1-31, 33-38, 90-97, 99-102, AND 104-112)

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I added prev release of serials 113-138 which takes file thru 10/24/61

Dear Mr Lazar:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Form OPCA-16a:

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- ☐ referred to the OGA for review and direct response to you.
- ☐ referred to the OGA for consultation. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is finished.

☒ You have the right to appeal any denials in this release. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, Flag Building, Suite 570, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001 within sixty days from the date of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown, when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s). If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☐ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s) 2

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

7:10 P.M. New York State Economic Council

Reference is made to the memorandum addressed to you by Mr. K. R. McIntire, dated January 9, 1939, relative to information furnished by Morris Leon Radoff regarding an organization possibly engaged in espionage in New York City.

Upon Mr. Foxworth's authorization I telephoned Radoff in Baltimore and inquired whether he could expedite arrangements for an Agent to interview [redacted] in New York. Radoff stated that he had written to the friend in New York City through whom he hoped to contact [redacted] and was advised that the friend has so far been unable to reach her because she has no [redacted]

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Radoff, who is regional director of a WPA historical research project, stated that he expects to be in Washington on Wednesday, in Philadelphia on Thursday, and in New York next week-end. He said that he would endeavor to contact me or Mr. McIntire in Washington on Wednesday, and that he would consider making a special trip from Philadelphia to New York Thursday night to reach [redacted]

He promised that as soon as he has made arrangements to have her interviewed by an Agent he will telephone the Bureau from New York so that immediate action can be taken.

Respectfully,

R. C. Chambers
Robert Chambers.

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Mr. Radoff explained that [redacted] is willing to cooperate but that since he is not an investigator he did not know what questions to ask her or what information would be of interest to the Bureau. He suggested, and I approved the suggestion, that he discuss this matter further with [redacted] and try to arrange for an agent to interview her thoroughly for full particulars concerning this alleged bureau and the possibility of it being either an espionage service or an agent of a foreign principal disseminating propaganda in the United States contrary to the recent legislation of Congress. Mr. Radoff said that he would communicate with either Mr. Chambers or with me as soon as he has conversed with [redacted] to this effect.

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Respectfully,

K.R.McI.

K. R. McIntire

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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February 1, 1939

Time - 10:40 A. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM.

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Reference is made to previous memoranda, one submitted by me on January 9, 1939 and one submitted by Supervisor Robert Chambers on January 16, 1939, concerning possible information which [redacted] can furnish.

Today I received a call from Morris Leon Radoff who is now in New York. He said that [redacted] is willing to be interviewed by an Agent and that arrangements should be made with him today for this interview. He said that he can be reached until 5:00 P. M. this evening at Canal 6-6240, Extension 104, address - 110 King Street, New York City; that after 6:00 P. M. he can be reached at 6 Jane Street. I told him that we would arrange to have an Agent of the New York office communicate with him for the purpose of interviewing [redacted] sometime this evening.

In keeping with your instructions and at 1:10 P. M. today I telephonically furnished full information concerning [redacted] and Radoff to Special Agent [redacted] furnishing him likewise with the addresses where Radoff can be reached. [redacted] said he would communicate with Radoff today and arrange for an interview with Radoff and [redacted] tonight. b7C

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire

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MEMO FOR MR. E. A. TAMM.

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At this time Agent [redacted] called me on other matters, and mentioned that he had talked with [redacted] [redacted] who is allegedly working for a Fascist Bureau in N.Y., which information was brought to our attention by Mr. Morris Radoff, a friend of Mr. Robert Chambers.

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He said that her information appears to be correct, and that it is one of the worst situations that has ever come to [redacted] attention. The Bureau is called the New York State Economic Council, and is headed by Merwin K. Hart. The matter was too lengthy to give me over the phone, but [redacted] has dictated a letter which will reach the Bureau tomorrow. He will cultivate this woman and attempt go get additional facts.

He said that she is sick of the whole matter and wishes to leave the said Bureau, that her friend, Radoff, is able to get her another job within the very near future. [redacted] wanted instructions. I told him that the Bureau could not pass on it until full details came down in his letter. I did inform him, however, that the policy of the Bureau is to make it clear to such persons in such instances that matters pertaining to their private lives and undertakings are to be determined by them, and them alone. I said that we could not be put in the position of having it said later that this party could have done better, if she had not followed the advice of this Bureau. I told him that if she got into a mess later by staying on with the said Bureau, she might blame the whole matter on the F.B.I. I further told him that it is not unlikely that such a Bureau might

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be investigated by another agency, or by a Congressional Committee at a future date, and if she is "placed in the middle" as a result thereof, she might try to find protection by dragging the Bureau into it. In the light of these possibilities I told [redacted] he would have to tell her to make up her own mind, and that while she [redacted], she would have to decide her employment for herself.

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K.R. McIntire.

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I called Mr. [redacted]. He wants letter on this as soon as it comes in. KRM.

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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February 6, 1939

Time -
4:10 P. M.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM.

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At this time Mr. Morris Radoff called merely to inquire as to whether everything had come along all right in New York when he made contact for Special Agent [redacted] with [redacted]

I told him that the Bureau was grateful to him for having made this information available to us and that [redacted] whom he met in New York, had established a working relationship with [redacted]

Upon my request he furnished me with the following address, at which he can be reached in the future: b7C

223 West 29th Street,
Baltimore, Maryland -
telephone - Chesapeake 8496.

Respectfully,

K. R. McIntire.

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Mr. D. Brantley
Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
607 U. S. Court House
Foley Square
New York, New York

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RE: ACTIVITIES IN THE
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your personal and confidential letter of February 3, 1939, concerning information furnished to Special Agent [redacted]

With particular reference to your inquiry contained on page 7 thereof, you are informed that the Bureau does not feel competent to advise [redacted] as to whether she should continue her present employment or change to some other undertaking. If she remains in the same position the Bureau will be willing to accept any information she desires to give, but her remaining with that organization will be contingent upon her own feelings in the matter.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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New York, N. Y.
February 3, 1939.

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Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Re: ACTIVITIES OF THE FASCISTI
(Bureau file 61-7560)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telephonic instructions received from Mr. Kenneth R. McIntire of the Bureau on February 1, 1939, in which Special Agent [redacted] of this office was directed to make necessary arrangements for an interview with MORRIS LEON RADOFF who in turn would introduce [redacted] to Agent [redacted]

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In accordance with the instructions [redacted] communicated with Mr. RADOFF and he called at this office on the evening of February 1, 1939, accompanied by [redacted] MERWIN K. HART is [redacted] HART appears to be the one executive on the premises. There is in addition an old man known as COLONEL ARTHUR COSBY who is a sort of a "glorified office boy" and there are a number of clerical employees. [redacted] employment is of a temporary nature. From the information so far obtained from [redacted] it would appear that the New York State Economic Council, while it does actually get out an economic letter to its approximately seventeen thousand members on economic conditions, is also engaged in other activities, and it might be mentioned even this economic letter is definitely Anti-Administration or Anti-New Deal.

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The Council, or at least the headquarters of the Council, seems to serve as a meeting place for a group of people

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who are interested apparently in setting up what would amount to a totalitarian form of Government in the United States. Some of the people who come into the picture are known as either being strongly Anti-Communist, outstanding so-called Patriots, or just plain every day American Fascists. The one individual who seems to have the most influence on the extra-curricular activities of the Council is JOHN E. KELLY. KELLY's name has appeared in previous correspondence from this office and he is an Officer of the Military Intelligence Reserve of the United States Army. The 1937-38 Roster of the Military Intelligence Reserve Society lists him as a Captain, his address being 14 Brinkerhoff Street, Jersey City, N.J. He has recently, according to [redacted] been promoted and is now a Major in the Military Intelligence Reserve. b7C b7D

[redacted] states that KELLY hates the Democratic United States Government with a hatred so violent that he actually loses control of himself when he talks about it and has to go into German for words sufficiently vile to describe his opinion of our form of Government. KELLY, according to [redacted] is born of Irish and German parents and has apparently lived in Germany and speaks German quite fluently. b7C

Agent [redacted] states that he was at a so-called Patriotic American Rally where A. ZOLL introduced KELLY and spoke of him as being the greatest authority in the country on subversive activities and the man who, if he wanted to, could tell a whole lot about the matter and that he was consulted by the Military Intelligence and other Government Agencies for practically all the information regarding subversive activities. KELLY is understood to be a mining engineer with offices in various places and in addition to being in the Intelligence Service of the United States, is according to [redacted] in the Intelligence Service of the Mexican Army.

The Council plays very closely with FATHER TALBOT, the Editor of the Jesuit Publication, "America", SCANLON, who is connected with the Brooklyn Tablet, FATHER CURAN, International Youth Society, ALVIN ZOLL, JOHN B. SNOW, a man named ECHEGARAY, FRANK GANNETT, publisher, BAINBRIDGE COLBY, CLAY GILL, JOHN HINKLE and others. It is understood that they have also been in touch from time to time with Congressman MARTIN DIES.

The situation from what has been ascertained from [redacted] is that the Economic Council is devoting fully 90% of its time to the dissemination of propaganda for or on behalf of the

Spanish Rebel Government. No actual published propaganda is sent out direct from the Council Office, but constant conferences and discussions occur which indicate that such propaganda is being distributed through other agencies. For example, through JOHN B. SNOW's organization, The League For Constitutional Government at 18 East 48th Street, New York City.

[redacted] states that some pamphlets and circulars are sent out in quantities of two and three million copies; that through the connections with FATHER TALBOT, SCANLON and FATHER CURAN and FATHER COUGHLIN, an enormous amount of this literature is distributed through Catholic organizations or placed in the hands of Catholics throughout the United States. They furnish material to FATHER COUGHLIN for his use, that being handled through SCANLON. SCANLON was brought in touch with the Council through FATHER TALBOT. Very few of these people actually visit the Council Office, but there [redacted]

The whole tenor of the propaganda which they distribute for Rebel Spain is to build up Generalissimo Franco as being the man who is fighting the great fight for the cause of Christianity as against Communism.

In connection with the work of assembling material for [redacted] was sent to interview ECHEGARAY who is the head of the Peninsula News Service. This appears to be an out and out Franco propaganda agency here. ECHEGARAY is bitterly opposed to our form of Government and when he mentions ROOSEVELT or the present Administration he expresses his disgust by spitting on the floor. [redacted] people seem to be somewhat confusing. ECHEGARAY [redacted] that the greatest of the Totalitarians is HITLER; third is Fascism; fourth is FRANCO. He spoke of STALIN as a great Totalitarian, apparently being second.

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Through all their conversation, there is constantly talk of the "balance of power" and from what [redacted] has understood from these conversations including the talk with ECHEGARAY, it is expected that the Catholic Church will serve to maintain this "balance of power". Apparently it is contemplated that the Catholic Church will "play ball" with whichever factions will enable them to maintain the position in which they will wield the "balance of power". For this reason they are supporting FRANCO. If HITLER works with them they will support him, otherwise they will swing over to one of the other nations.

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It is all very complicated, but apparently insofar as [redacted] could understand, the situation, this Economic Council was engaged in the fight against Communism, then became involved in the fight to support the FRANCO rebellion in Spain and is continuing that work apparently to the exclusion of the fight against Communism, but in some way has passed into a fight against not only the present (Roosevelt) Administration or the so-called New Deal, but in actual opposition to our form of Government which opposition apparently is more or less treasonable.

KELLY and ECHEGARAY seem to occupy a rather unique position in this thing. For example, in connection with the campaign to help Rebel Spain letters were sent to many Congressmen, the contents of which are not known to [redacted] When the answers began coming in from these Congressmen, they were sent to KELLY and he in turn is understood to have taken them to ECHEGARAY. The list of the Congressmen to whom these letters were to be sent is definitely understood to have been furnished by ECHEGARAY. [redacted] apparently gets material from ECHEGARAY and from FATHER TALBOT which he brings to HART at the Council Headquarters. He then discusses it with HART and gets him violently excited over the particular matter and HART then gets out propaganda material bearing on whatever was brought to his attention.

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JOHN HINKLE who is understood to be employed by the New York Times comes in after business hours and meets with KELLY and HART and does some sort of work with them. FRANK GANNETT, the publisher, is very close to the group which revolves around the office of the Council. BAINBRIDGE COLBY does not call at the office so far as is known to [redacted] but HART has indicated that he is in close touch with him. SCANLON never comes to the office, but is in touch with the office through telephone and through other people. It is understood, according to [redacted] that FRED MARVIN, the so-called

Senator from Alaska, is also in touch with the activities of this group.

Agent [redacted] states that this would appear to be more or less the same group as was referred to by him in correspondence covering so-called Patriotic Rallies at the Hotel Commodore and elsewhere at one of which, it will be recalled, motion pictures which showed ADOLF HITLER and BENITO MUSSOLINI were loudly applauded by the audience, many of whom, incidentally, appeared to give what is known as the Nazi salute when the National Anthem was played. At that time Agent [redacted] indicated that his belief was that these so-called American Patriots are in fact the American Fascists who would welcome the advent of an American Hitler. b7C

With that in mind and considered along with the information furnished by [redacted] as well as the information recently furnished by CASIMIR PALMER, all of which seems to tie together, one of the strong connections between these groups being FATHER COUGHLIN, it is Agent [redacted] belief that this is probably the most sensational development in connection with subversive activities that he has encountered during the course of his investigative work. b7C b7D

[redacted] loaned to Agent [redacted] a typed copy of a document headed "Programme of the New Spain. The Twenty-Six Points of Falange Espanola Tradicionalista y de las J.O.N.S." This, she states, is the program of the Franco Government or group in Spain in the event they are victorious in the Revolution. It clearly indicates an intention to maintain a Fascist or Totalitarian form of Government and to extend its influence into Latin America.

Four photostatic copies of this document are being forwarded to the Bureau herewith.

[redacted] b7C b7D

"January 23, 1939.

MEMORANDUM to Mr. Hart.

FROM Mr. John E. Kelly

Now that former Secretary of State Stimson has raised his voice for lifting the embargo, might not

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Mr. Bainbridge Colby be persuaded to change his previous stand? If we could announce his joining the committee it would make an excellent piece of publicity. Otherwise, I think we can make our publicity announcement on [redacted] and other radicals. b7C

Father Talbot told me that [redacted] had suggested that our first announcement be only a statement of principles, but I am afraid that at this stage of the battle the newspapers would consider it too bloodless and we should probably receive very poor publicity, whereas if we enter the fight by an attack upon one as prominent as [redacted] her paper will be constrained to print it and others will follow. b7C

Will you draft the form of release?

J.E.K. "

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"January 24, 1939

MEMORANDUM to Mr. Hart

FROM Mr. John E. Kelly

In our release for Thursday, it has been suggested to me that the most important thing we could include, and it would guarantee us good publicity, would be to demand the recognition of Franco as the legitimate government of Spain. We can point out that now France is sending an agent to Burgos, Soviet Russia and the United States are the only great powers refusing to recognize the facts in Spain.

J.E.K."

There is some indication that the Council or some of those active in connection with the above matters may have been in touch with Congressman MARTIN DIES. This, however, is to be checked further and [redacted] is to be re-interviewed.

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The question has been raised by [redacted] and by DR. RADOFF as to whether or not the Government [redacted] terested in having [redacted] formation regarding the activities of the Council. This, of course, at no cost to the Government. It appears that [redacted]

DR. RADOFF apparently has an opportunity to obtain employment for [redacted] While the compensation there would be considerably [redacted]

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Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY,
Special Agent in Charge.

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New York, New York

February 9, 1939

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

RE: ACTIVITIES OF THE FASCISTI;
[redacted]
(Bureau file 61-7560). 963738

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ON 8-6-02

Dear Sir:

[redacted] was again interviewed at this office and furnished the enclosed samples of literature:

(1) Folder giving the names of the officers of the New York State Economic Council as well as the statement of its purpose and activities. MERWIN K. HART, it will be noted, is the president; GEORGE D. GRAVES, treasurer; WILLIAM FELLOWS MORGAN, Chairman Finance Committee; [illegible] H. HOOKER, THOMAS [illegible], and ALEXANDER [illegible] FALCK, Vice presidents.

(2) Folder of the Church Layman's Association of which MERWIN K. HART is the chairman. This is dated October 6, 1937 and discusses the Church League for Industrial Democracy and the Radical Movement in the Episcopal Church.

(3) Printed circular reproducing a letter mailed April 22, 1938 to the members of Congress concerning immigration restrictions, signed by MERWIN K. HART, New York State Economic Council

(4) Copies of Economic Council Letter of the New York State Economic Council, Inc. for December 20, 1937, January 25, 1938 and November 18, 1938. This publication in the latest of the specimens submitted has the address of 17 East 42nd Street, New York City and also the First Bank Building, Utica, N.Y. Utica is understood to be the home of HART.

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There is also enclosed herewith a pamphlet, "Is your Town Red?" This was received by mail through the local post office box address and emanates from the New York State Economic Council. This purports to be a statement of "What the Communist International intends to do to you in America and how to recognize it at work in your own community". This pamphlet would seem to, in some degree, support the statements made by [redacted] for on close reading, it will be noted that the pamphlet seemingly is as much, if not more, concerned with the denunciation of the so-called new deal than it is with the direct attack on Communism. b7C b7D

As a matter of fact, it states that the Socialist Party platform of 1932, the Communist international's Moscow Convention of 1928 and the New Deal legislation are as alike as three peas in one pod.

With this pamphlet there was received a folder from Madison & Marshall, Inc., 18 East 48th Street, New York City advertising the book "Fool's Gold" by "The Senator from Alaska", this presumably being the pen name of FRED R. MARVIN.

[redacted] furnished additional information, stating that MERWIN K. HART appears to be the "front man" for Major J. E. KELLY who is the emanating force behind the activities of the group which revolved around the New York office of the New York State Economic Council. In this connection, it might be noted that [redacted] stated that the Council has a membership of about 17,000 throughout the state and she does not believe that they have any part in this plotting which goes on at the local office of the organization. She said that Father TALBOT of the Jesuit publication "America" and other high Jesuits would seem to be in a position of great influence in these activities. She says that there is considerable talk about PATRICK SCANLON, the editor of the Brooklyn "Tablet", a Catholic publication as it is stated that SCANLON has been too open in his attacks on the Jews. The others connected with the group issue pronouncements which do not condemn the Jews, and in fact make appeal to their allegiance to this country, but at the same time they are definitely seeking to undermine these Jewish people.

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HART recently mentioned to [redacted] in a casual conversation that he had been at one of the meetings of FRITZ KUHN'S German-American Bund and that they were very crude. The group involved in the activities referred to herein is b7C stated to be very bitter towards the Protestant churches because as they state, the spirit of the church is non-totalitarian. b7D These people do, however, favor the Catholic church.

When the luncheon was being arranged to honor Congressman MARTIN DIES, this being the luncheon which got so much publicity because of the presence of FRITZ KUHN and his staff, HART telephoned a number of people on behalf of the Council in connection with the actual organization of the luncheon and in the course of conversation with several of these people, he mentioned that the Catholic church must be kept in the background; that they of the church were working up to the hilt with them (meaning this group) and that they (meaning the group) could not let them (meaning the church) down and that the church must definitely be kept in the background. This was mentioned in various ways in connection with general conversations about the DIES committee.

HART, in one of his telephone conversations, mentioned Colonel BILL DONOVAN as having said something to that effect.

[redacted] stated that from what she can gather as to the political viewpoint of these people a republic or a democracy is just the prelude to chaos; that these thoughts now regarded as policies started with the French Revolution and not until they are crushed will there be peace. The overwhelming idea existing in the minds of these people seems to be the horrible mess in which the United States finds itself today. She mentioned that Captain JOHN B. TREVOR telephones the office several times a day and is one of HART'S closest friends.

She stated that during the past few days there has been a sort of tenseness in the office which is difficult to explain. It would appear, however, from [redacted] comments that all of the employees are not entirely in accord with the political activities of HART or those who come to the office and seem to

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Director

influence HART. Major KELLY comes in and goes through the files at will and is always at HART'S elbow urging him to say something more extreme. During the past few days [redacted] HART has taken to covering up some of his mail when KELLY comes in. In the course of the conversation, HART, when charged by [redacted] with being merely a dupe or a tool in the hands of various people, having in mind particularly KELLY, he stated that he would show them shortly that he was no dupe in their hands. [redacted] HART stated that he is against the totalitarism form of government.

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HART has visited Spain, Germany and Italy and made intensive studies of conditions there. In spite of his statement of being against the totalitarian form, HART [redacted] in conversations that this country and ENGLAND have been on the road to ruin for the past one hundred years and he refers to the vice and political corruption as evidence of the failure of this form of government and states that they must have a stronger government. The members of this group seem to consider democracy as an error in thinking.

Recently, they have been directing a veritable barrage of letters to Congressmen to protest against the possible lifting of the embargo on Spain. [redacted] mentioned that at least on one occasion HART took material to Congressman DIES at Washington which he had secured from DE CARDENAS, the Spanish Rebel representative here from Major KELLY and from Father TALBOT.

Some people from the American Federation of Labor have been in and participated in long conversations and then left. Among these was a man named RYAN, a former cabinet maker; also a man named BOOT or BOAT who looked as if he might be a laborer; also a man named SPARKS who had been a mayor in some city where there were CIO strikes. GERALD SMITH has occasional telephone conversations with HART. Another man they are in touch with by telephone is E. MCALLEN.

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Director

An examination of the telephone street directory shows that telephone number Vanderbilt 3-5375 is listed to the Committee for American Private Enterprise; also to ARTHUR F. COSBY and to MERWIN K. HART.

Very truly yours,

DWIGHT BRANTLEY
Special Agent in Charge

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to federal, state and local governments.

Operation: We function on a very simpl
formula. We give constituents an opportunit
to convey their views on pending bills to thei
legislators through concerted action.

We do this through our Council Letters
other pamphlets, and press releases—by speak
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radio chains—by circulating petitions—by ad
vising our members when important legisla
tion is to come up so that they may directl
express their views before it is too late—b
speaking before important legislative com
mittees. We watch and report on legislativ
matters at Washington and Albany. We mak
first-hand investigations of facts in contro
versial matters.

WORK DONE

We believe this country is suffering from to
many hasty laws and too much governmen
meddling. We therefore reckon our succes
quite as much in terms of mischief we hav
blocked as in terms of laws we have pushed
Some things we have done in the past are:

Educational Advisory Committee: Five na
tionally known educators made a two-yea
study of the cost and quality of public educa
tion in certain New York cities. School au
thorities consider their reports highly impo
tant. They were a factor leading to the ap
pointment by the Board of Regents of it
Committee to make a state-wide study. Thi
Committee will shortly make its report.

Control of Youth Amendment: We tagged the so-called "child labor" amendment with this truer title and exposed its insincere character. We made first-hand investigations of claims of child labor in Carolina and Massachusetts, and proved them unfounded. Defeat of this amendment in the New York State legislature meant its defeat in the nation, and the blocking of another costly government bureau with infinitely dangerous power over all persons up to 18. Miss Dorothy Thompson wrote that the Council was one of the two factors responsible for its defeat.

Funded Debt of New York: In 1933-36 we made careful studies and charts of the growth of the state debt,—widely distributed among business men, students and economists.

Change of Fiscal Year: The state's fiscal year now begins July 1st. We urged a change to April 1st, nearer the date of the adoption of the budget and the collection of taxes. The Moffat Commission has just adopted this.

Pay-as-you-go Basis: We have unremittingly urged an end to state bond issues and that the state should go on a pay-as-you-go basis. This has now become the chief recommendation of the Moffat Commission.

Opposition to Subversive Groups: Tracing crackpot government spending and unworkable legislation to their source, we have found ourselves arrayed against subversive radical groups. Some of our more conservative members formerly disagreed with us on this.

but it is now becoming generally recognized that this is the source of many of our troubles. The Communist Party recently honored our Utica office with a picket line. Evidently, we have done some good.

Radio and Platform Speeches: We have broadcast over all the big chains, have debated on the platform and over the air, and have sponsored many talks at public and private meetings. We act as a clearing house of information for more and more aroused citizens.

Committee for American Private Enterprise: We have popularized the term "private enterprise," and brought it into general use. Since 1935, we have carried on a campaign for the revival of private enterprise, through national radio-chains, meetings, and committee work. We believe we have led the country to realize that saving private enterprise is the great problem of the day.

WORK IN HAND

In January and February, 1938, we have engaged in the following major activities:

Control-of-Youth Amendment: Again we opposed this at Albany. The Assembly defeated it by an even larger margin than last year.

State Budget: We opposed Governor Lehman's budget that is higher even than last year. The Council was practically the only organization that appeared at the hearing to protest this $386,000,000 spending program.

Prevailing-rate-of-wage Law: We asked for repeal of this measure which adds tens of millions each year to the cost of public works in New York State; and by pegging the cost of private construction at a high rate effectively keeps the construction industry at a low point. This results in keeping men out of work, relief costs high, and recovery retarded.

Norris Amendment: We opposed before the Judiciary Committee of the U. S. Senate the Norris amendment to the Federal Constitution. This bill seeks to abolish the three carefully-thought-out methods of amending the Constitution and to substitute as a sole method the ratification of amendments by putting them on the state ballot at a general election. The joker in this is that rarely more than 15% to 25% of the voters ever vote on such issues at all, and an amendment could be put over by a well-regimented minority. This measure is almost as dangerous as the court packing plan of last year. Few people know about it.

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A quarter of our national income is now taken by government in taxes. It will run more than a quarter this year, if the slump continues. This means that citizens have less to spend for themselves. Meantime, government, through stifling restrictions on business, is making it more difficult for citizens to earn any money at all.

This hasn't just happened. We are convinced that the government in Washington and in many states has come under the influence

of a group of radicals who take their c
from Moscow.

Senator Copeland's Committee on Commerce of the United States Senate has indicated tha Communism controls our merchant marine Communistic minds have written some mos vital laws. Both major parties at Albany now seem to be bidding for the Communistic support of the American Labor Party.

These forces in our nation will not die o themselves. Eventually, they are doomed. Bu unless we rouse ourselves now in defense, they will give us a bad time. In National Prohibition, we had a sharp lesson of how a well organized minority with a clear purpose ca put over dangerous legislation. It took u fourteen years to put prohibition out of business. These forces are infinitely more danger ous. Recovery cannot take place until the are exposed and put to rout.

There is work to be done by an aggressiv and well-informed body like the Council. keen business man recently said, "If there wer no New York State Economic Council, w would have to form one."

This is no time to turn our eyes away from ugly facts. It is time to face things as they are

We ask the support of all true Americans.

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DON'T LET DOWN THE BARS—RAISE THEM HIGHER.

The following letter was mailed Friday, April 22, 1938 to each United States Senator and Representative in Congress.

Dear Sir:

The New York State Economic Council protests against the letting down of the immigration bars for the purpose of admitting refugees from Europe. Instead we ask the Congress to adopt even more rigid restrictions—to plug the holes through which we fear persons are now slipping unlawfully into this country. We think indeed it would be well for the American people if for a period of five years not a single immigrant were permitted to enter the United States.

On March 25th, 1938, following the union of Austria and Germany and in anticipation of the forcing out of Austria of certain residents of that country, the President of the United States stated publicly that America would open its arms to the oppressed of the earth. Secretary Hull said something to the same effect.

To carry out this plan there are now two bills before Congress — the O'Toole Bill (H.R. 6245) and the Cellar Bill (H.R. 10013).

The O'Toole Bill provides "that notwithstanding any provision of the laws, consular visas may be issued to any alien in any country whom the consul finds is of a class of persons in such country who are being persecuted on account of their race, color or political or religious beliefs . . . " The only exception is persons ineligible to citizenship in the United States (a limited class) or inadmissible on account of mental or physical condition.

The Cellar Bill defines a religious or political refugee as "any alien who in his last place of residence or place of abode outside the United States has been subject to prosecution, personal abuse or indignity, economic boycott, or social ostracism because of his religious or political beliefs or practices, or because of his racial origin." The Bill then says that "Any such alien, otherwise admissible to the United States under the immigration laws, shall not be subject to exclusion as a person likely to become a public charge, an assisted alien, a person whose passage has been paid by another, illiteracy, or as a person under sixteen years of age unaccompanied."

Then on March 30, 1938 Congressman Dickstein introduced H. J. Res. 637—a joint resolution "for the relief of political and religious refugees." This resolution permits a kind of saving up of any surplus of any quota for any country for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1938, and permits the Secretaries of State, Commerce and Labor, to redistribute this aggregate to any country they please, and in whatever manner these Secretaries determine to be "best suited to facilitate the immigration of otherwise admissible alien political or religious refugees."

There can be no question of the purpose or effect of these measures. They would tear down almost completely the bars against undesirable immigration. They would bring into the United States (along, no doubt, with some desirable persons) a group of Europe's worst agitators. They would be fuel to the flames of red intrigue here in the United States.

Hearings had been set on the three above Bills for April 20—22, and we had applied to be heard in opposition to them. Suddenly word reached us that the hearings had been indefinitely postponed.

Next day we read that a conference at the White House had discussed the method of admitting these aliens and that the conference had been attended, among others, by Secretary Perkins, Henry Morgenthau, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise, Prof. Joseph Chamberlain, Bernard Baruch and Samuel Cavert of the Federal Council of Churches.

We are unable to learn what course is going to be followed. But it is apparently the determination of the Administration to force the admittance of large numbers of these so-called refugees from Austria and probably from Spain.

We urge you to refuse to pass any bills that will make such immigration possible. We urge you to take all steps necessary to prevent the entrance into the United States of any of these undesirable persons by unlawful means.

We have two reasons.

The first is the obvious economic reason. No one is more clear than the President in pointing out the lamentable amount of employment in the United States. In almost every section business is down—incomes are down—discouragement is rife. And these conditions are getting worse rather than better. Already in order to prime the pump the President has recommended a five billion dollar spending program. In New York City on April 3, 1938, Greater New York Fund which is endeavoring to raise money to assist local charities states that half of all the youth of New York City between the ages of sixteen and twenty-four were without work and without opportunity.

Under these circumstances it is unthinkable that we should bring to our shores any of the refugees from other lands. If we cannot take care of our own, how can we possibly take care of those that belong in other lands. Is it not folly to attempt it— particularly since all other nations on earth, as we are advised, are strict in preventing the entrance into their countries of immigrants from other countries?

If such immigration were attempted the workers of the United States would be the greatest sufferers. There would be just so many more persons to compete with them for the limited number of jobs that exist today. These bills or any other bills to effectuate the same purpose, would strike a blow at every working man's home in the land.

Our second reason is that many of those who would come in under the proposed letting down of the immigration bars are persons who have been disturbers and agitators in their own land. That presumably is the very reason why the orderly governments of those countries do not want them.

Some of our larger cities, notably New York, now seethe with agitation against the American System. Any of you who attend such a WPA show as "One-Third of a Nation" at the Adelphi Theatre in New York City will note that apparently people of this kind constitute a substantial part of the audience. Reliable observers at communist meetings in Madison Square Garden report that the largest part of the audience is of that central and eastern European type that has long agitated in many lands against whatever orderly form of government may exist.

On these grounds Sir, we urge you to vote against any bill that will let down the bars.

We ask that instead the Congress investigate recent violations of the immigration laws. According to the census of 1930 there were then more than six million aliens in the United States. Unquestionably many of these are today on relief. The late Commissioner of Immigration, Col. Daniel R. MacCormack, stated that there were twenty thousand criminal aliens in the United States who could not be deported because of the inadequacy of the immigration laws.

The situation has been rendered more grave by the recent reporting to the Senate of the Dies Bill, which has already passed the House and which would in effect grant an amnesty to a vast army of alien habitual criminals. The passage of this bill would make the United States the laughing-stock of the world in relation to its dealing with alien criminals.

The passage of the O'Toole and Cellar bills, and of the Dickstein Resolution, or any of them, or of any substitutes for them, would merely add to the group of foreign agitators now raising hell for the people of the United States.

This is no time to bring in fresh aliens—but rather to rid ourselves of those already here who are a public charge, if not a public menace.

It is time to build up America for Americans!

Very sincerely yours,

Merwin K Hart

MERWIN K. HART,
President,
New York State Economic Council.

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TO ALL CITIZENS: If you agree with the above letter, write to your two United States Senators and your Congressman about it.

What About the Church League for Industrial Democracy and the Radical Movement in the Episcopal Church?

An Open Letter to the Bishops and Deputies to the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church at Cincinnati, Ohio

from

THE CHURCH LAYMAN'S ASSOCIATION
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What About the Church League for Industrial Democracy and the Radical Movement in the Episcopal Church?

To the Bishops and Deputies to the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church at Cincinnati:

You have found on your Convention program that an organization called the Church League for Industrial Democracy is scheduled to have a speaker almost every day for the period from twelve-fifteen to one o'clock P. M.

We are sure that you will wish to know (if you happen not to know) about this Church League for Industrial Democracy—what it is—what its antecedents are—what it wants.

The purpose of this leaflet is to tell you.

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For twenty years and longer, there has been a world-wide movement toward radicalism—toward Communism—toward world revolution. This is no mere fiction—it is a fact. It is not accidental—it is carefully planned by some of the most astute and thorough planners the modern world has seen. It is the direct work of the "Third Internationale" in Moscow.

The Third Internationale is that political body that several years ago openly launched its plan to bring the entire world under the control of Moscow. If you will look on the editorial page of the Communist Daily Worker, published in New York City, you will find the legend (under the hammer and sickle)—"Central Organ, Communist Party, U.S.A. (Section of Communist Internationale.)"

We fully recognize that many good people who are capable in their own affairs, smile at the idea that a revolution could be carried out in the United States.

But listen to George E. Sokolsky, nationally known columnist, who tells us of the similar scepticism which he noted everywhere in Moscow in the summer and fall of 1917, on the very eve of the Russian cataclysm:

"Every night the cafés chantants were filled with the bourgeoisie. They were still eating caviar and drinking champagne. The artists sang humorous songs about Lenin and Trotsky, and the business men applauded with merriment. They would make money, they felt, no matter what kind of politician was in power.

"In the end they had nothing. Their property, their human rights, even their lives were taken from them. I met many of their wives and daughters later in Harbin and Peking and Shanghai where they were forced to earn their living by the only means left to them."

In the light of such a tragic historic precedent, is it prudent for us Americans to be scornful of our own Communist schemers?

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Naturally, the American people are not so simple that Communism can be "sold" to them under that label. No one knows this better than the Communist. Hence these radicals have organized, or have captured the control of, several hundred organizations under all sorts of names—some of them quite appealing. Mr. Walter Steele, acting for the American Coalition of Patriotic Societies, in December 1934, laid before a committee of Congress the names of over 600 such organizations.

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One organization with radical aims is the Church League for Industrial Democracy, of which Bishop Edward L. Parsons is President and Rev. William B. Spofford is Executive Secretary.

To save your time, we need only to quote pertinent parts of resolutions passed last winter by the Church League for Industrial Democracy and which are to be presented to the Bishops and Deputies of the General Convention for action. These are as follows:

"Therefore moved by the joint compulsion of the desperate needs of human society and the inescapable demands of the Christian faith and hope, we unite around the following basic principles:

1. We reject the profit-seeking economy with its

private ownership of the things upon which the lives of all depend.

2. We seek to establish a social economy which, under collective ownership and democratic control of the common means of life, will make possible the highest potential development of persons and of society.

3. *In our efforts to accomplish this basic change in the organization of society, we commit ourselves to the democratic method.*

4. We propose to support the necessary political and economic action to implement these aims.

5. In all this we rely upon the availability of spiritual resources adequate for the redemption of society."

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A striking characteristic of the radical movement in America is the interlocking directorates which widely prevail between radical organizations. Thus many of the officers and of the Executive Committee of the Church League for Industrial Democracy also appear among the sponsors of other radical organizations, some of which are undoubtedly communistic. Bishop Parsons, for instance, is a Vice Chairman of the American Civil Liberties Union. (Roger N. Baldwin, the directing head of the Union, said in his own autobiographical sketch in the Thirtieth Anniversary Year Book of his Class of 1905 at Harvard College—written in 1935—that his "goal is Communism".)

Miss Mary Van Kleeck, a Vice President of the Church League for Industrial Democracy, is a director of the American Civil Liberties Union. Miss Vida Scudder, another Vice President of the Church League for Industrial Democracy, is a member of the National Committee of the American Civil Liberties Union, and is a Vice President of the League for Industrial Democracy, whose object is, as stated on its letterhead—"Education for a New Social Order based on Production for Use and Not for Profit." Rev. William Spofford, the Executive Secretary of the Church League for Industrial Democracy, is a Director of the American Civil Liberties Union, and a member of the National Bureau of the League against War and Fascism (of which Earl Browder, general Secretary of the Communist Party, is a Vice Chairman). Mr. Spofford is also a member of the Board of Delegates of the North American Committee for Spanish Democracy.

Many additional illustrations of this interlocking nature could be given, but time and space forbid.

Let it be said here that the communists and other radicals have taken strongly in recent years to the word "democracy" in reference to their work. Thus the "Spanish Democracy" refers to the communistic so-called "Loyalist" Government of Spain. Radicals generally in Europe and America are prone to speak about the war of Democracy against Fascism and Naziism. They actually include Soviet Russia as one of the "democratic" peoples.

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Representatives of the Church League for Industrial Democracy will talk to you ingratiatingly about "Christian Socialism". But Socialism and Communism are identical in all but name. Their objectives are essentially the same—they differ only in method. The Socialist wishes to wipe out existing institutions in America—preferably by the ballot. The Communists want to take a short cut and do the same thing by force—by bloodshed. They prefer the Russian method. It will be recalled that the official name of what is popularly known as Soviet Russia is the "Union of Socialist Soviet Republics".

Socialist- and Communist-inspired organizations in the United States are found boring into practically every phase of our national existence—into our schools and colleges—into labor activities—into other churches as well as the Episcopal Church. There seems to be one all-prevailing motive behind it all—to foment discontent with American institutions—to overthrow America.

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We hold three convictions with respect to this whole matter.

First. It seems to us that the great duty of the Church is to stir up ever-increasing spiritual life in its individual members. By constantly stressing Christian virtues, and training men in that self-discipline which we call the Christian way of life, the Church is performing a great and unique service. The solution of shifting, economic problems must be a secular matter. The Church's province is to deal with those eternal spiritual verities which neither shift nor change.

This task of infusing greater spiritual life is a vast one. Surely it cannot be said that it has been so far accomplished that the Church as an organization may consider itself free to proceed into other fields. As a matter of fact, other fields—such as the field of the economic life of the nation, while it concerns all people as members of the economic body, is nevertheless a field where those who

devote their lives to it can and should be depended upon, if they are good Christians, to apply constantly the Christian doctrines they have learned.

Our second conviction is that, for all its faults, the various economic and social insitutions that make up the American way of life have given a higher standard of life and living to a larger proportion of the people than any other system in any country at any time. We readily grant there is room constantly for further improvement. And just as we would expect, further improvement is constantly being made.

And our third conviction is that, since Communism is against all religion—especially the Christian religion, for the Episcopal Church to embrace the views of the Church League for Industrial Democracy, would be to invite disaster to the Church itself.

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An examination of the Convention program discloses that the following are among the persons who are to address the Bishops and Deputies to the General Convention, on behalf of the Church League for Industrial Democracy:

NORMAN THOMAS—head of the Socialist Party in the United States. Mr. Thomas clearly disbelieves in the American System of government as we have known it.

LAURENCE OXLEY—who is to speak on "Justice for the Negro". The Church's interest in the Negro is no new subject.

PROFESSOR REINHOLD NIEBUHR of Union Theological Seminary—is one of the best known radicals in the United States. Like most of the others, he disbelieves in the American System—has spent a large part of his life in subversive activities.

REV. HOWARD KESTER of the Southern Tenant Farmers Union. The method of handling the tenant farmer's problem is shot through with radicalism.

ROGER N. BALDWIN, to whom we have referred above.

A. J. MUSTE, of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. The New York Office of this organization tells us that it is the American Division of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation. General Amos Fries of Washington says in his book entitled, "Communism Unmasked" that seven years ago this latter organization published a pamphlet entitled, "Christ and the Class War."

HOMER MARTIN—President of the United Automobile Workers of America. Due to the activities of the C.I.O. in the automobile industry last winter and spring, we had actual civil war in the State of Michigan. Are we to precipitate the Episcopal Church directly into this bitter controversy?

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You will see from your program that these daily talks, under the auspices of the Church League for Industrial Democracy, are described as "forums." On September 15, 1937, as Chairman of the Layman's Association, I addressed a letter to Presiding Bishop Perry, pointing out that since these were to be "forums," and since a forum is a meeting where both sides of a controversial subject are presented, the Church Layman's Association requested an opportunity to furnish speakers on the other side.

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We submit the above for your information.

Very sincerely yours,

MERWIN K. HART,
Chairman

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CIVIL LIBERTIES 963939

On June 6, 1936 the United States Senate, by Resolution 266, created a sub-committee of the regular Committee on Education and Labor. This sub-committee has been popularly known as the "Civil Liberties Committee." The pertinent part of this resolution is as follows:

> "RESOLVED, That the Committee on Education and Labor is authorized and directed to make an investigation of violations of the rights of free speech and assembly and undue interference with the right of labor to organize and bargain collectively."

SUB-COMMITTEE

Pursuant thereto, this sub-committee, consisting of Senators Robert M. LaFollette, Chairman, and Elbert D. Thomas, proceeded to investigate strike-breaking and industrial espionage. It made two reports, on February 8 and July 22, 1937. The Senate first appropriated $15,000 for its use - last February $40,000 more.

SUBPOENAED COUNCIL

Then apparently this sub-committee decided to investigate what it calls "vigilante" organizations. It subpoenaed, among others, the New York State Economic Council. The date of appearance, first fixed for November 15th, was postponed to December 15, and then to January 18, 1938.

BUT WE HAVE CHAMPIONED CIVIL LIBERTIES

Let it be said at once that the Council has not at any time violated any one "of the rights of free speech and assembly and undue interference with the right of labor to organize and bargain collectively." We have championed those rights. Our Board of Directors on November 23, 1934 formally voted to request the President and Congress (among other things) "to assure to the working man the right, free from coercion from the employer or anybody else, either to join any labor union, or to refrain from so joining, and the full right to work unmolested." This position we have consistently supported.

DON'T BELIEVE WE COME WITHIN SCOPE

Nevertheless our legal counsel advise us that a senate committee is all-powerful (within the limits of its authority) and can bring by subpoena any person or books or papers before it. We do not ourselves believe - nor does our counsel - that we come within the scope of the senate resolution just quoted. We have so stated to the investigators of the Senate Committee. But these investigators contend that the committee itself will decide this - after they see such papers and records as they desire to see!

BUT WE ARE BEING INVESTIGATED

On this pretext, investigators of this committee (courteous and intelligent young men) are now in their fourth week of examination within our relatively small office. They have interrupted our regular work. They have read and made copies of letters and papers that cannot by the wildest stretch of the imagination be included within the senate resolution. They desire us to surrender copies of letters from persons unknown to us, letters expressing views with which we are not necessarily in accord - of preliminary drafts of our own writings (Council Letters, etc.) that were substantially changed before publication - of confidential memoranda made by members of the Council Staff with respect to proposed publications - memoranda made at the request of the Council's President solely for the purpose of obtaining improved phrasing, more complete truth. They are conducting a fishing expedition.

THEY SEEK EVIDENCE

These investigators are not looking solely for evidence of "violations of the rights of free speech and assembly" - or for "undue interference with the right of labor to organize and bargain collectively." They state they also desire to search for evidence of possible anti-communist and anti-semitic activities! These, they say, are invariably found to accompany the kinds of activities described by the Senate resolution, though there is not one word in the resolution that warrants such a search.

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WE ARE AGAINST COMMUNISM, ALL RIGHT

Now anybody who ever heard of the Economic Council knows it is opposed to communism. No Senate committee is required to find that out. We have shouted it from the housetops, broadcast it on the air, published it whenever we had the money — asserted it wherever we had the chance.

BUT OPPOSE ANTI-SEMITISM

But we of course oppose anti-semitism. Indeed, several of the most distinguished Jews in the United States are on our Board of Directors.

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

The investigators seek to pry into our correspondence, if any, with other organizations which seem to them to be likewise "anti-communistic." What can be their reason for this?

REPLIES TO "THE COMING SLAVERY"

They have asked to see the many hundred replies to our coast-to-coast broadcast last June 11th on "The Coming Slavery." Among these they would find a penciled letter from the wife of a worker in Warren, Ohio, who on June 13, 1937, appealed to us in these words:

> " . . . We are just plain American working people. My father works at the Republic Steel Corporation here and at this time he is in the mill. My husband works at the Blank Company (they had a ten day sitdown strike), now they are going to try to make my husband join the C.I.O. We don't believe in communism. Our police don't do a thing. The C.I.O. pickets walk all around this town with clubs and pieces of iron pipe." . . . (Mass pickets were trying to force the men out.) " . . . So I ask you what chance do we have in a town like this? It seems to me that all of our officials are in with the C.I.O. . . . All of my people were born and raised in Warren, but I am beginning to think we may as well go to Russia, or are we going to have what is happening in Spain . . . It makes me mad when I think of how we were just beginning to get caught up after the depression."

THESE COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD BE PROTECTED

By what twisting of the words of the senate resolution can these investigators claim the right to these communications? In that broadcast we urged Congress to lay no more burdens on Private Enterprise, but to adjourn and go home. Many persons replied — some of them writing doubtless as they would not have written had they thought the Government would seize their letters and read them. Are they not entitled to protection?

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WE LACK MONEY TO FIGHT

To fight this matter through the courts would cost us a great deal of money. We haven't got the money. Some of the papers we have not tried to prevent the investigators from taking. But by advice of counsel we have told them that we do not consent to their taking certain others — that if they decide to seize them, that is their affair.

OUR MEMBERS AND BOOKS OF ACCOUNT

Likewise, by advice of counsel, we are respectfully declining to give out our list of members and their subscriptions and our books of account — until the Senate Committee hears us in person and orders us to do so. And we shall keep faith with that worker's wife in Warren — we shall refuse to place her in peril by disclosing her name.

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WHAT STARTED THIS?

Why is this investigation being made? Who instigated it?

READ CAREFULLY NOW

Read carefully now. It is a matter of common knowledge, established by a series of congressional investigations, that the Communist Party is seeking to overthrow the Government of the United States as now constituted — that it is availing itself of every resource. Its members or agents have organized or secured control of many organizations — all working to undermine the American System. Of these organizations none is more prominent or larger in membership than the American League Against War and Fascism.

What is the American League Against War and Fascism?

LISTEN TO EARL BROWDER

We find the answer in the New York Public Library — in a statement by Earl Browder (head of the Communist Party of the U. S. A.) published in the Communist International's Magazine (Jan. 15, 1934, p. 78):

"Our most successful application of the united front has been in the anti-war and anti-fascist movement. We led a highly successful U. S. Congress against war, which brought together 2616 delegates from all over the country . . . The Congress from the beginning was led by our Party quite openly . . . The Congress set up a prominent organization on a federative basis called The American League Against War and Fascism."

MISS DOROTHY THOMPSON

Miss Dorothy Thompson, in her Column last Monday, speaking of Communist activity in the U. S., said:

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"They" (the communists) "are out to overthrow it" (capitalism) "by seepage. They get their members into every labor organization under false pretenses. They camouflage themselves under relief groups for Spain, and organizations against war and fascism." (Underscoring ours)

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WHAT THE ORGAN OF AMERICAN LEAGUE AGAINST WAR AND FASCISM CLAIMS.

What has this camouflaged communist American League Against War and Fascism got to do with the Senate Civil Liberties Committee? Just this — In their magazine, "Fight," issue of March, 1937, the origin of the Senate Civil Liberties Committee was reported as follows by Henry Zon. We are advised that Mr. Zon is the Washington correspondent of the radical Federated Press and was formerly London manager of the same agency. We quote:

"The investigation" (by the LaFollette Committee) "was born in the Cosmos Club in Washington one February evening in 1936. Present at the meeting were some 15 people, including John L. Lewis, Gardner Jackson, of the American Civil Liberties Union, Dorothy Detzer, of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, Senator Robert LaFollette, now chairman of the sub-committee on education and labor conducting the inquiry, and other liberals and socially-minded people."

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"From the discussion there was evolved the idea of a Senatorial investigation of the violations of civil liberties. Senator LaFollette agreed to go to bat for it and the lobbyists represented agreed to throw the weight of their organizations towards securing necessary appropriations and authorizations."

JOHN L. LEWIS

Communists have on many occasions expressed satisfaction with John L. Lewis. His pictures have appeared in communist publications. William Z. Foster, of the communist party, in his pamphlet entitled "Steel," says on page 62:

"The communist party heartily supports the C.I.O. . . . aims at the abolition of the capitalist system and the complete liquidation of the exploitation of man by man through the private ownership of industry and the land, by the establishment of socialism."

GARDNER JACKSON

Gardner Jackson, another person present at the Cosmos Club conference, is an official of the American Civil Liberties Union. He was a member of the Communist Negro Herndon Committee.

ROGER N. BALDWIN

But Mr. Roger N. Baldwin is the real "works" in the American Civil Liberties Union. We quote Mr. Baldwin's own words from Page 7 of the Thirtieth Anniversary Year Book (published in 1935) of the Class of 1905, of Harvard College, of which class he was a member:

"ROGER NASH BALDWIN writes, 'I have continued directing the unpopular fight for the rights of agitation, as Director of the American Civil Liberties Union; on the side engaging in many efforts to aid working class causes. I have been to Europe several times, mostly in connection with international radical activities, chiefly against war, fascism, and imperialism, . . . I am for Socialism, disarmament, and ultimately for abolishing the State itself as an instrument of violence and compulsion. I seek social ownership of property, the abolition of the propertied class and sole control by those who produce wealth. Communism is the goal . . . ' "

DOROTHY DETZER

Dorothy Detzer represented the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (a well-known radical organization) at that Cosmos Club conference.

"OTHER LIBERALS, ETC."

"Fight" does not tell who the "other Liberals and socially-minded people" were. Lack of space alone prevents our setting forth further evidence of the subversive affiliations of this group.

SO IT WOULD APPEAR THAT—

So it would appear that the New York State Economic Council is being investigated at the instance primarily of the C.I.O., the American Civil Liberties Union, the American League Against War and Fascism, The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, and "other liberals and socially-minded people!"

WHAT THESE GROUPS STAND FOR

These groups are working for the overthrow by one means or another of the American System of private enterprise and the substitution of some other system for it. They are receiving their inspiration, if not their express instructions, from Soviet Russia.

WHAT THE COUNCIL STANDS FOR

The New York State Economic Council, for seven years, has striven to curb excessive public expenditure and to prevent further burdens on private enterprise. Several years ago we reached the conclusion that the major forces pushing expenditure up and private enterprise down are the active proponents in America of the philosophy of Marxian Socialism. These forces find their personification in the very organizations named above – and others like them.

ARE THESE GROUPS WHAT THREATEN DISINTEGRATION?

Have these been the compelling force that has raised the federal debt from 20 to 37 billions in less than five years? Are they the real authors of the undistributed profits tax – of the one-sided Wagner Labor Disputes Law?

ARE THEY BACK OF WAGES AND HOURS?

Are they the force that seeks today to jam through the Wages and Hours Bill – which no group in Congress seems to want – yet which we are told is likely to pass? Was it they who inspired the Farm Bill – which now threatens to cost a billion dollars and to deliver the farmers into the hands of a Washington Soviet?

Are they not the real enemy that America must fight?

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A VITAL ISSUE

The issue raised through the invasion of our offices far transcends our individual interests. This invasion strikes at human rights won by our ancestors 700 years ago on the field of Runnymede. Article IV of the Bill of Rights (Amendment IV to the Constitution of the United States) reads as follows:

> "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, . . . "

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HOW GREAT IS THIS FORCE?

Have the men who met at the Cosmos Club forced the nullification of this Right? Does the hand of Communism guide this Senate Sub-Committee? Is it the hand of Communism that shapes these strange new Bills – to regiment farmer and worker alike?

WE ARE UNDER FIRE

The New York State Economic Council has striven to the best of its ability to defend private enterprise. Now it is under fire.

We call upon the American people to come to the support of the basic principles of the Constitution – principles which in the past have saved America from the despotisms of Europe and Asia.

Merwin K Hart

President,
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LEGISLATURE MEETS

New York Legislature is again in session - starts with a somewhat faster tempo than usual - hopes to wind up before end of March, since State Constitutional Convention meets in April.

EIGHTY-TWO REPUBLICANS

In numbers the Republican Party is stronger than last year, having eighty-two Assemblymen. Three other members ran on both Republican and American Labor Party tickets. There are four straight-out American Labor Party men. There are sixty-one Democrats.

BUT -

We said Republicans were numerically stronger. Whether they are really as strong as the figures indicate remains to be seen. For actually the Republican state organization appears to be engaged in a kind of illicit love affair. They are flirting with the handful of American Labor Party men from down the river. And this affair may prove to be important.

AN ILLICIT AFFAIR?

Just why the Republican Party, which made such substantial gains in voting strength throughout the whole up-state section, should have even a mild flirtation with this particular group is hard to see. But the Party leadership seems to be controlled in New York City, where the Party strength isn't, rather than in the up-state section where most of the Party strength is. For as a matter of fact, a clear majority of the entire Assembly is made up of up-state Republicans.

DOES NEW YORK CITY CONTROL - WITH ONLY SEVEN ASSEMBLYMEN?

The Labor Party people are a wise lot. They know exactly what they want - which is something that can't always be said for the Republicans. That is why Republican state leadership (and New York City Republican leadership - with its seven Republican Assemblymen out of a total of sixty-two Greater New York Assemblymen) is undertaking to tell the New York Assembly what it must do. What did President Roosevelt say the other day about a 4% tail wagging a 96% dog?

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CONTROL-OF-YOUTH AGAIN

Right away we seem to see the effect of this illicit affair in the attitude of the Republican state leadership on the Control-of-Youth Amendment. Never in recent years has there been such protest as the people made against this Amendment at the hearing at Albany last winter. The people recognized that this Amendment would take away from parents all control over their sons and daughters up to eighteen years of age, and would vest it in a government bureau at Washington. Legislators recognized that the amendment, if ultimately ratified by thirty-six states, would deprive the Legislature of an important part of its powers; and that if New York added its approval to that already given by twenty-seven states, nothing could stop the quick ratification by at least eight more states.

DEFEATED LAST YEAR

And recognizing all this, the Assembly, on March 9th, rose up and killed the control-of-youth Amendment 102 to 42. That was a great day for freedom!

WILL REPUBLICANS REVIVE IT?

We did not greatly criticize the committee for reporting the bill last year. But now, apparently, the Republican state leadership (at the instance of its new affinity - the American Labor Party) is toying with the idea of reporting the Amendment again - of again forcing it to a vote! According to newspaper accounts, the big idea is that to force a vote will be to put Democratic Members on the spot - and, incidentally, it will greatly please the Labor Party.

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GROSS EXAGGERATION LAST YEAR

Now - remember what this control-of-youth Amendment is. Child labor has been dwindling for years and is almost non-existent today. Last year, the National Child Labor Committee told the people there was widespread child labor in the Carolinas. We promptly sent our special field representative to both states. By the aid of their Labor Departments, she discovered that child labor had been all but wiped out - the stories were largely unfounded.

THAT COLLIERS ARTICLE WITH THE POSED PICTURES

Then Colliers Weekly published in March an article entitled, "Suffer, Little Children, Suffer," in which the most atrocious child labor was said to exist in Haverhill, Mass., - that little tots of seven to ten years of age were compelled to toil at sweated home-work as late as eleven P.M. Colliers actually printed pictures of the children - with a clock on the table to prove the hour. But the Economic Council, after thorough investigation in the very homes where the pictures were made, was able to announce that photographs had been faked. They'd been taken at three o'clock in the afternoon-and the clock turned ahead to look like eleven P.M.!

AMENDMENT DEFEATED

All this was reported direct to the New York legislative committee - and the emphatic defeat of the Amendment followed.

NEW CLAIMS THIS YEAR

This year the National Child Labor Committee has been at work again. It has little to say about the Carolinas this year. Instead it goes to far away Missouri, and to certain Gulf states. It claims to have found bad child labor conditions there.

MORE DECEPTION

But again the claims are grossly exaggerated. The National Committee for Protection of Child, Family, School and Church (with headquarters in St. Louis) has investigated - finds that the problem in Missouri, so far as there is a problem, is not a child labor problem but the social and economic one of a floating population of low-grade squatters and drifters - all in one small industry in one agricultural county. The Missouri Labor Department is studying it more intelligently, and probably more effectively, than a distant Washington bureau ever could. And, much as in the Haverhill cases, affidavits have been obtained by this National Committee that the photographs displayed by the National Child Labor Committee were artificially posed.

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TWO OUTSTANDING FACTS

There are two outstanding facts. One is that practically nobody wants any child labor, and that what little there is is disappearing fast. The other is that many of those directing the fight for this Amendment have little real interest in children. They are looking for power - for central control by Washington bureaucrats.

LISTEN

And get this, Citizen - the control-of-youth Amendment is a vital part of the program of the radicals for subjugating the people of this country. Make no mistake about it. If you don't believe it, ask anybody who was at last year's hearing what most of the crowd looked like that swarmed up from New York.

WHY EVEN CONSIDER THIS AMENDMENT

And yet, this is a measure that the Republican State organization seems willing to give the American Labor Party (who are the radicals) a chance to get! Apparently, not the slightest thought is given to the profound issues involved. For a temporary mess of pottage, they would place vital liberties of the people in jeopardy.

ESPECIALLY NOW

And all this while Rome is burning! For as everybody knows, the Roosevelt Recession has become the Roosevelt Depression. Never in American history has there been a more abrupt decline, not only in actual business, but in confidence. People are wondering if the Country is going to hell. No wonder the great mass of Republican Members of both Houses feel rebellious against this "Four percent tail".

DID YOU ATTEND THIS MEETING?

And we are not changing the subject in what we are going to say now. Last Wednesday night Madison Square Garden was jammed by more than 20,000 Communists and their friends to commemorate the fourteenth anniversary of the death of Lenin. A large banner in the hall said: "Through Democracy to Socialism." Four thousand new members repeated in unison (led by negro comrade James Ford) their pledge to build a Soviet America. Five thousand people, swarming out of the meeting afterwards, attempted a mass picketing of one or more Whelan drug stores. Police reserves were called out. Here in Free America was being staged one of those vicious protests against America - one of those championings of Soviet Russia which, if tables were turned, would not be permitted in Russia itself. Communism was on the march - pledged to destroy the American System.

BROTHERS OR COUSINS

And if the representatives of the American Labor Party at Albany are not brothers of these Communists, they are at least first cousins. And these are the people the Republican state leadership is playing with.

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SEVERAL IMPORTANT THINGS

While not many things will be up this year at Albany - both sides being anxious for early adjournment - yet there are several of importance.

WILL YOU DO THIS?

First is the Control-of-Youth amendment. We suggest you write to Assemblyman Harry Reoux, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Assembly Chamber, Albany, and urge that the Committee dispose of this amendment within the committee - without again reporting it and going through a fight on the floor. Write your own Assemblyman, too.

EXECUTIVE BUDGET

Then there is the Executive Budget - only slightly smaller than last year. The state departments asked for 547 millions. The Governor finally fixed his budget at 385 millions. In his pruning, he made, we suspect, only the usual type of reductions - a state department always asks more than it expects to get. But the outstanding fact is that the new budget is no reducation from the general levels of present spending. In spite of the reduced income of the people, and of an almost certain lower return from state taxes next year, government spending is to continue on much the same scale.

BUDGET HEARING OBTAINED

What is needed instead is to realize that the whole level of spending must be reduced. Early this week, we asked the Ways and Means Committee of the Assembly and the Finance Committee of the Senate for a hearing on the Budget. The former has agreed to hear us Tuesday, January 25th. We shall have some recommendations.

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MOFFAT COMMITTEE

Last year (and partly because of the opportunings of the Economic Council) the Legislature, under resolution of Mr. Ives, appointed a Committee on Fiscal Affairs. Just before the year-end, the Committee reported. Chairman Abbot Low Moffat has done a remarkable job. No one in the Legislature was better qualified than he to undertake the job of envisioning all state finance - indeed, of envisioning the various state activities which must be always in contemplation in dealing with finance - and of making a comprehensive report.

DID GOOD JOB

The Republican Members of this Commission endorsed Mr. Moffat's report. The Democrats joined with them in signing the report - paying him well-earned tribute for his work. With entire propriety, however, they said they had not had opportunity to give sufficient consideration to the hundred-odd recommendations made by Mr. Moffat to warrant their endorsing, or withholding their endorsement from, the recommendations.

RECOMMENDS PAY-AS-YOU-GO POLICY

Many of the recommendations are admirable - none more so than that the state go immediately on a pay-as-you-go basis. Economic Council has long urged this. More about this later.

NEW DEALISM A FAILURE

The year 1938 may be the most fateful year in the country's history. It is all too apparent that the big idea of the past five years - on the one hand of spending our way out of the depression, and on the other of so shackling our private enterprise that it is difficult for it to perform at all - has been a failure. In the past five years, the Federal Government has added about seventeen billions to the federal debt. New York has added a huge sum to its net bonded debt. The total taxes of the American people (federal, state and local) are nearly one-quarter of all their income. Business, large and small, is discouraged. And now, after five years of this spending-shackling policy, private enterprise is in a tailspin again. Employment has taken a big fall. People are poorer. Business is discouraged. New Dealism, both state and federal, is a hideous failure.

WALTER LIPPMANN

Walter Lippmann said in his column on January 20th that -

". . . looking at the whole history since 1929, one reaches the rather startling realization that there has never been a true recovery from the depression. In 1936 and 1937, under the stimulus of vast inflationary measures, great gold imports, cheap money, cumulative deficits, and the soldiers' bonus there was a brief recovery to something like normal, and during that recovery there was a quite considerable amount of spending out of corporate surpluses for capital goods.

But, as soon as the inflationary policy was halted, and the deficit financing stopped, the depression recurred. Does this not indicate that the New Deal recovery was artificial and for that reason temporary, that there has never been a genuine revival of enterprise and investment since 1929?"

YES -

Yes, Mr. Lippmann, that is exactly what it indicates. And while the Federal Government has been the leader, the State Governments - and particularly the governments of the richer eastern states - have followed the cue of Washington.

CHANGE OUR POLICY!

If ever a change in state policy were indicated - it is indicated now. It is time for a truce in politics. It is time for a sober, non-partisan contemplation of the actual predicament in which we find ourselves.

YOUR CHANCE, LEGISLATORS, IS HERE

The New York State Economic Council has been working for seven years, trying to awaken the people of the State and, through them, the Legislature of the State, to a realization of what is coming. Now, what was coming is apparently here. If the New York Legislature at the present Session, however much it wishes for early adjournment, does not do something worth while and adequate in the premises - then, before another year rolls around, the situation may have become so bad as to be beyond repair.

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THE NEED

The need is simple. Let the state revise the whole spending plan - Cast aside the idea that we can shackle our private enterprise and expect it to function - Remove existing shackles - assume no new responsibilities. Let the responsible leaders of the old parties quit playing with Communism.

The day of reckoning has just about come.

What are you going to do about it - Senators and Assemblymen?

Merwin K. Hart

President
NEW YORK STATE ECONOMIC COUNCIL, Inc.

P.S.: On January 15, 1938, the President of the Council addressed the Women's Republican Club of Massachusetts at Boston on the subject: "This American System". Printed copies are being mailed free to all subscribing members - will be sent on application to anybody requesting it.

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LA FOLLETTE COMMITTEE

The La Follette "Civil Liberties" Committee in October, 1937, subpoenaed the New York State Economic Council - told it to appear and bring its books and papers, or suffer the usual pains and penalties.

Following consultations with Committee representatives, their investigators moved into our office and inspected such files as we gave them - relatively less important papers. Finally, they called for a showdown - wanted more important records - again hinted about the aforesaid pains and penalties.

In answer, we published Letter 51, a copy of which was mailed to each of the 96 members of the United States Senate. In this letter we questioned the right of the Committee to make its demands, denied that we had ever violated the civil liberties of anybody, accused the committee of conducting a pure fishing expedition, and refused to give up further documents of any nature unless actually compelled to do so by the Committee itself. Moreover, we traced in detail what we believed to be the communistic origin of the La Follette Committee; and we indicated the New York State Economic Council was really being investigated at the instance of Communist organizations for which the La Follette Committee was attempting to pull chestnuts out of the fire.

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Then we sat down and waited. The date of our subpoena was presently postponed until January - until February - until March. It was postponed successively for periods varying from a week or two to a month or two, until October 15, 1938. Then came a letter, dated October 1st, signed by the Secretary of the La Follette Committee, which read:

KISSES COUNCIL GOOD-BYE

> "At the direction of the Chairman of this sub-committee, Senator Robert M. La Follette, Jr., I wish to inform you that subpoena No. 2015 d.t., heretofore served on you, has been fully complied with and you are therefore released from all obligations thereunder."

In other words, we stood up for our rights and this Communist-inspired Committee backed down.

Again we say we have nothing to hide from any congressional committee acting within the scope of lawful authority. But from this lesson our conviction has deepened that resistance to tyranny is the one way by which a free people can remain free.

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THE DIES COMMITTEE

Now the tables are turned. The House of Representatives at its last session appointed a committee, under the chairmanship of Congressman Martin Dies, of Texas, to investigate un-American activities. This committee is to study Communism, Fascism, Nazism, and any other "ism" it finds anywhere in the United States. But it does not surprise us that nearly all the investigation the Committee has found to do is into the far-flung communist and communistic activities that are going on in the United States. Ninety-five per cent of the "Fascism" and "Nazism", said to exist in the United States, exists only on the lips of Communists, "fellow travelers" and communist dupes.

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COUNCIL LUNCHEON THURSDAY DECEMBER 8TH

And right here we announce that Congressman Martin Dies, Chairman of this Committee, will be the guest of honor and speaker at a luncheon of the New York State Economic Council, to be held Thursday, December 8th, at the Biltmore Hotel, New York City. Reservations at $2.00 per plate can be made by addressing the Council at its New York offices, 17 East 42nd Street (telephone VAnderbilt 3-5375). Tables may be reserved for groups. The Council is glad to honor the Texan who has had the courage and vision to probe deep into the communist menace in the United States – and into any other similar menace, if such exists.

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TREND AWAY FROM LEFT

The elections November 8th showed a trend of the American electorate away from the Left. Figures published November 17th in the New York papers showed that the vote for Republican candidates for Congress in twenty-four states was 51½ per cent of the total. In 1934 the corresponding figure was 46-1/10 per cent. The vote in 1936 for the Republican presidential nominee was only 40-1/10 per cent of the total. The Republicans nearly doubled their membership in the Houseof Representatives, adding 82 new seats.

NEW DEAL DEFEAT

To enumerate the anti-New Deal objectives gained and the states won, is even more impressive. Thus the C.I.O., the sit-down strike and hoodlumism generally were completely overthrown by the defeat of Murphy in Michigan. Pennsylvania overthrew the New Deal. The Progressives in Wisconsin and the Farmer-Labor Party in Minnesota were both defeated. Thirteen states elected anti-New Deal governors. In Saltonstall of Massachusetts, Taft of Ohio, and, indeed, in Dewey of New York, though he barely failed of victory, the cause of freedom has gained leaders who are imaginative, forceful and young.

PRIVATE ENTERPRISE HAS TAKEN HEART

No wonder those who believe in private enterprise and the American system have taken heart. More and more of the population have come to understand the sinister meaning of the one-sided National Labor Relations Act, of a social security scheme which takes a billion dollars or more a year from workers and employers and, while pretending to invest the same, fritters it away for current expenses – so that in future years, if the workers are to receive their "social security," taxes will have to be levied all over again to get the necessary funds. People are coming more and more to see that many of the New Deal measures add up to nothing short of an American form of Communism.

BUT--

But things went better in other states for Private Enterprise and the American System than they did in the State of New York. And that's mainly what this letter is about.

WHAT ABOUT NEW YORK?

Why didn't they go so well in New York? The whole American people were watching the candidacy of Mr. Dewey for governor. One well-known commentator had said that if he were elected, the search for the Republican candidate for President in 1940 would be over. His ability, his record, his convincing, forthright manner, his youth – all these appealed to multitudes. Why wasn't he elected?

CITIZENS BETTER PONDER

Without regard to party, the citizens of New York will do well to ponder this question. It goes to the heart of Private Enterprise's chief trouble. Indeed, if this question is not understood, squarely faced and solved, there will be little hope in the long run for Private Enterprise and the American System, either in the State of New York or the United States as a whole.

RADICALS HAVE DOMINATED REPUBLICAN PARTY

Briefly, the reason is that New York City is the centre of many radical organizations, whose common denominator is that they disbelieve in the American system, and are willing if not eager to overthrow it. These organizations gain their inspiration (however little some of their

members realize it) direct from Russian Communism - indeed some of these organizations, are affiliated with Russian Communism. Men sympathetic with these organizations, or some of them, control the Republican Party in New York City. The known dominance of this radical influence in the New York Republican organization drives away American votes from Republican candidates in New York City. The figures prove it. Dewey was beaten by New York City Republican leaders licking the boots of Radicalism. He carried up-state by 614,000, but he lost New York City by 682,000.

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CONSIDER THE HISTORY OF 20 YEARS

A review of twenty years of New York State political history is illuminating. Time was, twenty to thirty years ago, when there was a large delegation from New York City in both Senate and Assembly. Radicals began their heavy work in New York just about twenty years ago. Ever larger numbers of "liberals," as they called themselves, went to Albany each year as lobbyists, urging this reform and that. They were louder talkers than the conservative upstaters. They made a bigger noise and they got most of their measures through. The "liberal" news writers were mostly with them. But, note this - as these measures one by one became law, more and more New York City Republicans were defeated for the legislature; and Democrats, of course, took their places. Meanwhile, the upstate section continued regularly to re-elect Republican legislators.

NOTE THE MAKEUP OF THE NEW LEGISLATURE

Just observe the make-up of the new Legislature elected last week. In all Greater New York there is only one straight Republican State Senator, to 21 Democrats. There are only two straight Republican Assemblymen, to 55 Democrats. On the other hand, in the whole state, outside New York City, there are only two straight Democratic State Senators to 22 Republicans; and there are only 8 straight Democratic Assemblymen to 77 (by themselves a clear majority of the entire Lower House) Republicans.

TO SUM UP

To sum up, the New York City leadership has just proven it can't come within 680,000 votes of carrying the city for the strongest candidate of a generation for governor. It can't elect 10% of its candidates for the legislature. And still the Republican Party of the state permits the radical-inspired Republican leadership of New York City to dictate the party's state legislative policy.

PLAYING WITH AMERICAN LABOR PARTY HAS BROUGHT DISASTER

There is no better illustration of the radical tendencies of the New York City Republican leadership than its willingness to play with the American Labor Party, the connection of many of whose leaders with the communistic C.I.O. is notorious. This, without question, has caused Republican candidates thousands of votes. American Labor Party endorsement defeated the Republican candidate for the Assembly in Rockland County only last Tuesday. He went down to defeat, although Assemblyman Hamilton, without the endorsement of any other party, had had no difficulty in winning handsomely for four or five years. And other Republican candidates in Rockland County won this year by majorities as high as 5,000.

In a booklet entitled, "The Communist Party in Action," Alex Bittelman, the author, says on page 20.

COMMUNIST DOCTRINE

> "We must guard against a current opportunist conception that the capitalist system will collapse by itself, under the very pressure of its own difficulties . . . Lenin maintained, the only way in which we can make the situation for capitalism really hopeless is by defeating the efforts of the capitalist classes to find a way out of the crisis. . . ."

The legislative program, to much or all of which radical Republican leadership in New York City has subscribed (indeed much of which that leadership has imposed), and which is already on the statute books of New York, is a splendid contribution toward "defeat of efforts of the capitalist classes to find a way out of the crisis." That was precisely the intention of those who persuaded the Republican leadership to back it.

THE WAGNER ACTS

A single example of this type of legislation is the so-called "Little Wagner Act," passed two years ago by a Democratic Senate and a Republican Assembly. This act (like its parent, the Wagner Labor Disputes Act) is nothing short of revolutionary. Yet it was jammed through the New York Assembly. The Republican legislature leaders would not even consent to give the Economic Council a hearing when we asked for one. Incidentally, Mr. Paul Windells, of New York, on November 16, 1938, notified Senator Pitcher, Republican Senate leader, of the need of drastic amendment of this act.

Why did the Republican legislature so subserviently acquiesce in its passage? The answer is that the New York City "Liberal" leaders insisted – upstate leaders meekly yielded. As usual, the downstate tail, however bankrupt politically, was wagging the upstate dog.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Most recent and most dangerous of all the radical program advocated by New York radicals are certain of the constitutional amendments, adopted at the recent election. Several of them – unless steps are taken to prevent – will go a long way toward making the American System unworkable.

HOUSING

Thus, Amendment 4, authorizing a 300 million dollar increase in the state debt for low-rent housing, and giving cities the right to increase their debt two per cent for housing projects. Low cost housing is an impossibility as long as the prevailing rate of wages is retained (and Amendment 6 has just written the "Prevailing Rate" into the Constitution!) Most cities already find their ten per-cent debt a staggering burden. Real Estate is in a desperate condition. Amendment 4 will lead to bigger debt. It may easily bring insolvency to many cities.

HEALTH INSURANCE

And Amendment 8 provides, among other things, for the use of state money and credit (meaning, of course, those of the people) for a health insurance scheme. As things stand today our state unemployment insurance is working badly – will have to be re-organized. The huge federal "social security" scheme is in its earliest infancy. No one knows whether it can be made to work. For the New York Legislature to embark now upon a scheme of health insurance would be the veriest folly. Fortunately, it is not obliged to do so – the adoption of Amendment 8 merely authorizes it.

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In spite of these new and discouraging constitutional provisions, it is not too late to turn back this reckless, radical tide in New York State. If the Republican leaders will only shake off this communistic New York City influence, with its alien ideas – with its certainty of ultimate bankruptcy, the state can probably pull through. The flood of public spending can be stopped. Private enterprise can be revived. But these are the very things the radical influence in New York does not want to see happen.

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We submit these thoughts to the Republican members of the New York Legislature – and to the people.

Merwin K Hart

President.
NEW YORK STATE ECONOMIC COUNCIL, Inc.

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New York, New York

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With further reference to the interviews had at this office by Special Agent [redacted] with [redacted] there are quoted below two communications which [redacted] These copies, as she submitted them to this office, were in long hand. She states, however, that they are definitely copies of actual correspondence which [redacted] These two long hand copies are to be returned to [redacted]

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January 31

My dear friend:

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Kindly accept my apology for not realizing that the New York release would be more complete. It is good to have the clipping you graciously sent for my files.

You and Mr. Hart deserve the most cordial congratulations upon your effective work. It is most encouraging, especially when Franco is doing his part in Spain. As you said, we are on the righteous as well as the victorious side. Some day, we will get around to the Leftist regime in Mexico.

I plan to be in New York February 23 to 26, 1939. It will be a joy to see you and your able workers on that occasion.

With every good wish, I am

Faithfully yours,

(Signed in ink) JOSEPH F. THORNING."

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CONFIDENTIAL Attn. - New York Economic Council,
M.K. Hart, President
41 E. 42nd St.

In extending the work of his Committee, Mr. Gerald L. K. Smith has taken the time to develop the confidence and understanding

To - Director
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of the most important men and leaders and organizations in America. Any question that may be asked concerning his work, no matter how critical, may be satisfactorily answered by the most responsible people.

For the benefit of inquirers, the following individuals and organizations are prepared to answer questions concerning his work, his Committee, and his integrity.

1. The American Coalition of Patriotic Societies b7C
   [redacted]
   General Office - Washington, D. C.

2. New York City Advertising Club
   [redacted]

3. The Associated Industries
   [redacted]
   N.B.C. Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio

4. Merchants and Manufacturers Association
   [redacted] Mgr. Toledo, Ohio

5. New York City Board of Trade
   41 Park Row, N.Y.C.
   [redacted] Executive Secretary

6. The National Economic Council
   475 Fifth Avenue N.Y.C.
   [redacted] - Executive Secretary

Many of the outstanding business executives of the nation are friends and supporters of Mr. Smith, but their names are not used in this memo for obvious reasons."

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Agent [redacted] was in telephonic communication with [redacted] and asked her to furnish to this office [redacted] which organization, she states is a propaganda agency for the Spanish Rebels. However, [redacted] b7C b7D

has not furnished the requested notes, nor has she communicated with this office, although she promised to do so.

If no further information is received from her in the near future, Agent [redacted] will again attempt to communicate with her by telephone. b7C

Very truly yours,

Dwight Brantley

DWIGHT BRANTLEY
Special Agent in Charge

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January 29, 1940

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Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

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RE: [redacted]
Informant

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the telephonic conversation between Special Agent in Charge P. E. Foxworth and Mr. E. A. Tamm of the Bureau on even date.

In keeping with the request of Mr. Foxworth, the Bureau has examined its files and has prepared a summary of all pertinent information concerning [redacted] Two copies of the memorandum summarizing this information are attached hereto. There are also attached copies of correspondence between the Bureau and the New York State Economic Council.

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For your information there have been no written communications between the Bureau and [redacted] The only person attached to the Bureau who has interviewed [redacted] prior to this time is Special Agent [redacted] of your office.

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Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

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Mr. Merwin K. Hart, President
New York State Economic Council
17 East Forty-second Street
New York, New York

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Dear Mr. Hart:

Apropos of your recent call upon a member of my staff I am quoting hereafter a formal statement issued by the President of the United States on September 6, 1939 which may be of interest to your members. I feel if the members of your Council have not already been advised of the President's desires in connection with the handling of cases involving espionage, sabotage and violations of the neutrality regulations they may be informed with regard to the Federal Government's program. I hope the members of the New York State Economic Council will cooperate in this matter by immediately notifying the nearest representative of the FBI of any information received relating to cases in the above classification. The President made the following formal statement:

> "The Attorney General has been requested by me to instruct the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice to take charge of investigative work in matters relating to espionage, sabotage, and violations of the neutrality regulations.
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> "This task must be conducted in a comprehensive and effective manner on a national basis, and all information must be carefully sifted out and correlated in order to avoid confusion and irresponsibility.
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> "To this end I request all police officers, sheriffs, and all other law enforcement officers in the United States promptly to turn over to the nearest representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation any information obtained by them relating to espionage, counterespionage, sabotage, subversive activities and violations of the neutrality laws."

The Federal Bureau of Investigation maintains two offices at this time in New York State. The office in New York City is located at 607 United States Court House, Foley Square, telephone Rector 2-3520, with Mr. P. E. Foxworth in charge. An office is located in Buffalo, New York, under Mr. W. V. McLaughlin, at 400 United States Court House, telephone Cleveland 2030.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc New York
Buffalo

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NEW YORK STATE ECONOMIC COUNCIL INC.
17 East 42nd Street New York

Telephone MUrray Hill 2-1635

September 26, 1939

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Department of Justice,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Thank you very much for your letter of September 25th.

We will gladly use your statement in a forthcoming Economic Council Letter. You can be sure that the New York State Economic Council will do all in its power to aid the Bureau of Investigation in its work.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Merwin K. Hart
President

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April 15, 1939

Mr. Merwin K. Hart
President
New York State Economic Council, Inc.
17 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

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Dear Mr. Hart:

Please be advised that in response to your communication of April 10, 1939, I must advise you that copies of this Bureau's report on the German-American Bund are not available for distribution.

I am, however, referring a copy of your letter to Mr. Gordon Dean, Special Executive Assistant to the Attorney General, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington, D. C., for appropriate consideration and attention.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc New York City
Encl. (photostatic copy of letter from Mr. Hart)

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NEW YORK STATE ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC.
17 East 42nd Street, New York
Telephone VAnderbilt 3-5375

April 10, 1939

The Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I should be glad to receive a copy of the recent report of an investigation of the German American Bund which I understand was made by your department.

If you will advise me of the cost of this report I shall greatly appreciate it.

Very sincerely yours,

/s/ Merwin K. Hart
President

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

United States Department of Justice

New York, N. Y.

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October 2, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Sir:

On September 27, 1939, Special Agent [redacted] of this office, had dinner with [redacted] from whom information has, from time to time, been received during the past concerning the activities of the various individuals who revolve around the New York State Economic Council and Merwin K. Hart, its President.

[redacted] name should, of course, be treated with a great deal of confidence inasmuch as it is believed that she will still prove to be a source of valuable information.

On the above occasion [redacted] furnished to Agent [redacted] information concerning several matters which will be reported upon in the near future. At this time it is desired to bring to the attention of the Bureau a memorandum which, according to [redacted], was prepared by Hart on September 21, 1939, covering a visit which he made to Washington, D.C. on September 20, 1939. In this memorandum, Hart mentions a number of persons whom he talked with and situations which he observed. From the text of the memorandum it is quite obvious that Hart is definitely anti-Semitic. He mentions that when Alfred Landon went to South America, as a member of a Delegation he was taken in hand by Herbert Feis, who is referred to as a Jewish Economic Adviser in the State Department. Hart quotes his source of information (a man named Sarger) as stating that it was the first time Landon had come in touch with a first rate mind informed on international affairs and that he did everything that Feis told him to do.

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The memorandum also states that the clique in the State Department "consisting of Hull whose wife ..., Sumner Wells, Messersmith, and another, are running things completely." The memorandum then goes on to state the following:-

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Letter to Bureau
(P. & C.)

October 2, 1939

"At the dinner given by President and Mrs. Roosevelt to the King and Queen the King was overheard to remark to Roosevelt that he feared in the event of war that Britain would be pretty much alone. To this the President replied significantly, 'No you won't be alone.'

Talked with Vandenberg, and before that with his secretary. His mail of Tuesday consisted of 1400 letters supporting Vandenberg's position to 87 against. Today's mail was running even more in support of his position.

Dropped in for an hour and heard Dalinda's testimony before the Dies Committee, but accoustics were poor.

At two-thirty saw Edgar Allen Tann, Assistant Director of the F.B.I., in the absence of J. Edgar Hoover, and reported to him the suggestion that several had made to me that in the event of the war situation getting worse an organization of voluntary observers among civilians be set up to watch out for spy activities of any kind.

Tann said that such an organization had been assembled in the World War under O'Brien, as Assistant Attorney General. He said that it comprised some 25,000 men. It led to a good deal of trouble because some of the men were too eager to report things. Indeed, it seemed to the Department that some were trying to see how many suspicious persons they could report.

However, Tann and I worked out a plan whereby in an early Council Letter we will quote from a recent proclamation by the President urging all persons to watch out for spies and then enumerate names and addresses of various F.B.I. offices within the state of New York, including telephone numbers. He is to furnish me full information. I am to assemble it as briefly as possible and send it to him for O.K. as to facts, etc.

Letter to Bureau
(P. & C.) October 2, 1939

"I was quite impressed by Tann."

Hart goes on to state that he spent three-quarters of an hour with Congressman Dies about whom he states,

> "He is mentally riding on top of the wave, convinced that he has got enough data against the Communists to blow the whole party and movement out of the water. He readily agrees that while the Nazi and Fascist propaganda is crude and clumsy that of the Communists is exceedingly subtle.
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> I suggested to Dies that he come up and be the chief speaker at the "America" dinner either the latter part of October or the third week in November. He seemed not unwilling to do so, though he did not agree that he would. Finally he turned and said, "Look here. Let's get up a monster mass meeting at Madison Square Garden and pass resolutions calling upon Congress to take certain very definite steps." I told him I would see what could be done about this and get in touch with him shortly.
>
> Then spent an hour with Rhea Whitley, the counsel for the Committee. He agreed to get and send me copies of the Baltimore Sun for six certain days. He says the Sun, through an exceptionally good correspondent, Peck Trussell, made the best report of what went on before the Committee. He says that the most important testimony to date is that of Gitlow and Browder. He suggests that in our proposed summary of recent testimony before the Dies Committee that it might be well to confine it to that."

Letter to Bureau
(P. & C.)

October 2, 1939

Hart is, at the present time, "scouting around" to line up assurances of sufficient attendance to fill Madison Square Garden in the event a meeting, such as is referred to by Dies, is staged. Much of this is being handled through Reverend Edward Lodge Curran, head of National Catholic Truth Society, Brooklyn, N.Y., who, according to Miss Rountree, is known as a man who can deliver any given number of persons for any necessary occasion such as a meeting of this sort.

An attempt is being made to arrange for a large attendance of veterans who, however, are to be referred to very definitely as "Protestant War Veterans."

Hart also makes mention in his memorandum that he had dinner with Captain John Trevor and was present at a session of the American Coalition Society at Washington and he mentions that the Committee drew up and adopted a very cleverly worded substitute for the Bloom Bill which, Hart states, was to be presented by Trevor to one of the Senators at Washington on September 21st.

In connection with the Council Letter referred to by Hart in connection with his conversation with Mr. Tamm it should be noted that this is a political rather than economic type of publication. The exact financing of these Council Letters is not known. Miss Rountree mentions specifically that of late the financial support of the New York State Economic Council seems to grow weaker and there appears to be more concern over finances than there was heretofore, yet there never appears to be any question arising over the publication of the Council Letter each issue of which costs approximately $600.00. This, of course, leads to the thought that there may be some specific source from which the publication of the Letter is financed possibly separate from the general financing of the office.

Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth

P.E. FOXWORTH
Special Agent in Charge.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

New York, N. Y.

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October 3, 1941

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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Re: [redacted]
INTERNAL SECURITY - G.

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the telephonic conversation with [redacted] of the Bureau, there is being attached hereto copies of a memorandum submitted on July 24, 1941 by Special Agent [redacted] which sets forth the results of the interview had with [redacted] who is presently a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, at 45 East 65th Street, New York City.

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Very truly yours,

/S/ P. E. Foxworth
P. E. FOXWORTH
Assistant Director

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New York, N. Y.
July 24, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. J. CONNELLEY:

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Re: [redacted]
Internal Security - G

This is to record that on May 22, 1941 Mr. FRANCIS PICKENS MILLER, 45 East 65th Street, New York City, called at the New York Office and advised the writer that during the early part of May 1941 he had become acquainted with an individual known to him as [redacted] through a friend of his, a MR. CLIFTON UTLEY, Director of the Council on Foreign Relations, Chicago, Ill.

Mr. MILLER advised that he is a member of the House of Delegates, Fairfax County, Fairfax, Va. and is presently a member of the COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS at 45 East 65th Street, New York City.

During the interview with [redacted] MR. MILLER advised she stated she had been formerly employed at the [redacted]

According to MILLER, [redacted] is of the opinion that HART'S office is the clearing house of "WORLD FASCIST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE". For this reason [redacted] had advised MILLER that [redacted] However, inasmuch as she has apparently, according to MILLER, furnished information to various individuals concerning Hart's activities, she is living now in fear of some secret organization who is "tracking her down".

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According to Miller [redacted] stated that Hart was constantly in contact with Mr. MARTIN DIES, United States representative from Texas and that [redacted] DIES in Washington. In this regard her personal theory, according to MILLER, is that the so-called FASCIST EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE is using DIES and his Un-American Committee in the same manner as the Nazis used the "Red scare" in turning Germany into a Fascist State.

Memo. for Mr. E. J. Connelley b7C
Re; [redacted] July 24, 1941 b7C

Allegedly [redacted] has attended meetings where members of the German Gestapo in New York had organized petitions for circultaion demanding the continuation of the DIES COMMITTEE.

[redacted]

One of the so-called master minds of the Fascist Committee, according t[redacted] is a FATHER TALBOT, who is connected with the magazine AMERICA'S CHURCH. She was of the opinion that FATHER TALBOT was the paymaster of the group and had been very active during the Spanish War in transmitting money to the FRANCO group during the early period of the so-called "revolution". She likewise related that COL. CHARLES A. LINDBERGH of the AMERICA FIRST COMMITTEE had often been seen by her at MERVIN HART'S office and apparently had meetings with him regularly. b7C

The New York files reflect numerous references to the activities o[redacted] and likewise indicate that she has been interviewed by a representative of this office.

Respectfully submitted,

[redacted]
Special Agent. b7C

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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Time: 3:40 p.m.

October 13, 1939

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE FILE

Mr. M. K. Hart of the New York State Economic Council called with reference to his conversation with me of approximately three weeks ago, which was followed by a letter to him signed by the Director quoting the President's proclamation and then stating it was hoped the members of the Economic Council would cooperate, et cetera.

Mr. Hart stated they now propose to print the President's statement in full and two paragraphs from Mr. Hoover's letter. I told Mr. Hart I would suggest that the proposed item be sent to the Bureau in order that it might be submitted for Mr. Hoover's approval. Upon his stating that the article is to go to press this afternoon, I informed him I had no authority to approve any matter of this kind and that when I had submitted the proposition to Mr. Hoover, I had stated that Hart would submit anything it might be desired to print to the Bureau prior to printing for approval, just as Hart had informed me. Mr. Hart then read the following lines appearing in the Director's letter which he desires to print:

> "I hope the members of the New York State Economic Council will cooperate in this matter by immediately notifying the nearest representative of the FBI of any information received relating to cases in the above classification".

The Director's letter also mentioned that the FBI maintains two offices at this time in New York State and gives the addresses and telephone numbers. Mr. Hart stated this data also might be used. I told him I could see no objection to his printing the information referred to.

In addition to the above, the Council on its own initiative will print the following:

> "With all the money spent in the United States by foreign governments as disclosed by the Dies Committee and with all the subversive activity carried on for years in this country, it is

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> safe to assume that hardly an organization of any importance, industrial, labor, educational, even religious, is without its printed representative of foreign interest. It is no time to become hysterical but if intelligent men and women keep their eyes open, they will find things to report to the FBI".

I told Mr. Hart that of course anything they publish is their responsibility. I also told him that I would be glad to transmit the information to Mr. Hoover.

E. A. TAMM

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
New York, N. Y.

PEF:RAA October 18, 1939

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

For your information, I am transmitting herewith a copy of the Economic Council Letter of October 15, 1939, in which is quoted in part a letter addressed by you to the Council.

Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth
P. E. FOXWORTH
Special Agent in Charge

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Council Letter 66
October 15, 1939.

The President Speaks

The President of the United States recently made the following formal statement:

"The Attorney General has been requested by me to instruct the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice to take charge of investigative work in matters relating to espionage, sabotage, and violations of the neutrality regulations.

To the Attorney General

"This task must be conducted in a comprehensive and effective manner on a national basis, and all information must be carefully sifted out and correlated in order to avoid confusion and irresponsibility.

"To this end I request all police officers, sheriffs, and all other law enforcement officers in the United States promptly to turn over to the nearest representative of the Federal Bureau of Investigation any information obtained by them relating to espionage, counter-espionage, sabotage, subversive activities and violations of the neutrality laws."

J. Edgar Hoover

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, (the FBI), has written us in part as follows:

"I hope the members of the New York State Economic Council will cooperate in this matter by immediately notifying the nearest representative of the FBI of any information received relating to cases in the above classification.

To the Economic Council

" . . . The Federal Bureau of Investigation maintains two offices at this time in New York State. The office in New York City is located at 607 United States Court House, Foley Square, telephone REctor 2-3520, with Mr. P. E. Foxworth in charge. An office is located in Buffalo, New York, under Mr. W. V. McLaughlin, at 400 United States Court House, telephone CLeveland 2030."

Espionage, Sabotage, Subversive Activities

With all the money spent in the United States by foreign governments, as disclosed by the Dies Committee, and with all the subversive activities carried on for years in this country, it is safe to assume that hardly an organization of any importance – industrial, labor, educational, even religious – is without its planted representative of foreign interests. It is no time to become hysterical. But if intelligent men and women keep their eyes open they will find things to report to the FBI.

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Do you know this book?

We point out an important book published in 1934 (Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. $1.25). It is called Conclusions and Recommendations and is the Report, following several years' work, of the Commission on Social Studies, which was sponsored by the American Historical Association. Eighteen educators were members of this Commission, at one time or another, of whom the following twelve signed the Report: Charles A. Beard, Isaiah Bowman (with reservations), Ada Comstock, George S. Counts, Avery O. Craven, Guy Stanton Ford, Carlton J. H. Hayes, Henry Johnson, A. C. Krey, Leon C. Marshall, Jesse H. Newlon, and Jesse F. Steiner. It is stated on page 144 that four of the Commission, Messrs. "Frank A. Ballou, Edmund E. Day, Ernest Horn and Charles E. Merriam declined to sign these conclusions."

Remaking the country from Washington

To show the significance of this book, let us remember that it appeared about a year after the Washington administration had scrapped the conservative Jeffersonian platform on which it had been elected and had substituted the New Deal.

The New Dealers were well embarked on the plan under which all gold was taken away from the people and banking was made a mere adjunct of government. Agriculture, industry and commerce were brought under bureaucratic direction. Since then, utterly regardless of the wisdom and the cost, billions of borrowed money have been recklessly spent for relief, housing and for various schemes such as resettlement. Those in control of the administration have often seemed bent on reducing private enterprise to servile subjection to government. Through excessive taxation, big incomes and inheritances have been largely confiscated, thus destroying subjects of future taxation. While in 1920-29 the federal debt was reduced from 26 to 16 billions, it has since been raised to 45 billions. Today much of our business enterprise is stagnating under taxes and regimentation. The country still has ten million unemployed. And all of this was done on the theory that the "old order" (that is, the American System of Private Enterprise) had failed and that a "new order" must be set up.

Not only have strange political and social doctrines been sounded from Washington: they have been preached by certain individuals the country over. This has not just happened. There is evidence of a concerted movement running back many years to persuade the American people to abandon their traditions and to submit to socialism – to the bureaucratic control of pretty much everything from Washington, D. C.

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Hence let us consider this Report – Conclusions and Recommendations. The preface states that:

> "This volume . . . is the outcome of a very large number of special studies and researches and of a vast deal of deliberation and reflection during the past five years."

The Commission says moreover that it "assumes full responsibility for the present volume. . . ."

Falls for the collectivist catchwords

It is difficult to summarize a book in a few brief paragraphs, but it is possible to quote certain passages that show its general trend. The authors of this Report clearly believe the American System has outlived its usefulness and must be discarded and that a highly socialistic scheme must be substituted in its place. Indeed these gentlemen seem to regard it as their duty to facilitate the change. They fall for many of the phrases and catchwords the parlor pinks have imported from overseas and for many of the slogans that emanate from Union Square. Thus at a time when the millions in private enterprise have been striving mightily to make it work (and have done a magnificent job) and to supply the moneys needed to maintain public education on a scale never equalled in the world before, the authors of this report have been flirting with alien ideas that would destroy the entire edifice.

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Commission felt unrestricted

On the opening page the Commission says it felt called upon to go beyond a narrower view of its objectives and "was impelled to consider the condition and prospects of the American people as a part of Western civilization now merging into a world order."

It continues:

> "The Commission was also driven to this broader conception of its task by the obvious fact that American civilization, in common with Western civilization, is passing through one of the great critical ages of history, is modifying its traditional faith in economic individualism, and is embarking upon vast experiments in social planning and control which call for large-scale cooperation on the part of the people."

The folks that are to run this "control" scheme apparently demand that the people cooperate! This is the usual method of dictator-

ships. Who is it that's laying down the law to the people! The Report says on page 34:

"The emerging economy will involve the placing of restraints on individual enterprise, propensities and acquisitive egoism in agriculture, industry and labor, and generally on the conception, ownership, management, and use of property. . . ."

We are left to speculate as to what these "restraints" might be. But we recall that in Russia and in Germany restraints are an important feature.

As the book proceeds it gathers enthusiasm. On page 16 it is asserted:

Collectivism the goal

"Cumulative evidence supports the conclusion that, in the United States . . . the age of individualism and laissez faire in economy and government is closing and that a new age of collectivism is emerging."

But the Commission, having examined the work of these American guinea pigs, who have been doing their poor best in building up the edifice of American Private Enterprise, are not without hope that something can be done with them, if educators take them in hand, for on page 21 we read:

"Moreover, achievements already accomplished in government, economy, and various forms of associational life indicate that the American people possess co-operative and moral powers of a high order which can be directed into channels of utility and beauty, if acquisitive individualism, with all its cruder manifestations in gambling, speculation, exploitation, and racketeering, is subdued to the requirements and potentialities of the emerging society."

"Acquisitive Individualism"

"Acquisitive individualism" has, of course, long been one of the war-cries of those who would destroy the American System. Yet Mr. George Sokolsky the other day called attention to figures showing that the net aggregate profits of all American business corporations for the twenty year period ending in 1937 were slightly less than two per cent of the gross income.

How about the teachers?

On the other hand the report does not frown on the reasonable expectations of the teaching fraternity, (these, of course, are not "acquisitive individualism"), for on page 126 it demands for teachers "... economic security, freedom from anxiety about unemployment..." And in New York City many of the teaching staff have acted on this demand, for when on September 1st Dr. Campbell, Superintendent of Schools, requested all employees of the Department of Education drawing more than $5,000 salary to take a small cut, it was accepted by only 194 and rejected by 1307.

Words

There are few pages of the book that do not contain such phrases as "the emerging society," "a closely integrated society," "the emerging economic integration," "the new leisure," "the new order," "the emerging integrated order." "Tensions" are referred to no less than fifteen times.

Generalities

The Report is a mass of glittering generalities, innumerable adjectives, long and involved sentences. Dr. Isaiah Bowman made reservations in signing. He pointed to a sentence on page 27 that reads: "The Commission ... deems desirable the vitalizing of the findings of scientific inquiry by the best social thought of the present and of the past," and asked, "Who is to know the best? There should be a qualifying statement. Otherwise the criticism might apply that the statement is 'perfectly true, perfectly general and perfectly meaningless.'"

The volume's message is fairly summed up in the following sentence on page 34:

"The implications for education are clear and imperative: (a) the efficient functioning of the emerging economy and the

full utilization of its potentialities require profound changes in the attitudes and outlook of the American people, especially the rising generation – a complete and frank recognition that the old order is passing, that the new order is emerging," etc., etc.

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How received by educators

How has this Report been received by educators generally? The New York State Department of Education apparently has been greatly influenced by it. A few local school boards have paid little attention to it. But many others have taken it seriously. And local school boards have great power. They, for instance, select school text-books. A school board official of one large city tells us frankly that their elementary course is in harmony with the recommendations of this volume: and that in their secondary schools the teachers are very familiar with the book. This official adds: "Perhaps no one report will be more influential in our work than this one, if it is safe to prophesy." The school board of another large city says the Report "is a well accepted reference in the field of social studies curriculum construction. It has undoubtedly been used as a basis of study for the reorganization of the school studies program in most of the schools of the United States that have attempted to revise their social studies programs since 1934."

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Advocates abolition in large part of American System

This Report advocates, in a word, the abolition of the American private enterprise and the substitution of a socialistic scheme. It was written, we have found, by a sub-committee of two, one of whom was Professor George S. Counts of Columbia University. Since Mr. Counts was both a member of the Commission and its director of research, it is safe to assume it was primarily his work. Mr. Counts is a well-known radical, has spent much time in Soviet Russia, and among his books are "The Soviet Challenge to America," and "Dare the School Build a New Social Order." In the latter book, incidentally, he says (p. 28) "That the teachers should deliberately reach for power and then make the most of their conquest is my firm conviction." He was also co-translator of the "New Russia Primer."

Professor Counts

The Report was thus written (at least in large part) by a man who disbelieves in America. Perhaps some of those who signed it did so with hesitation. Probably most educators disagree with its social theories. Nevertheless the Report went out to the country as the considered conclusions of a Commission that had cogitated for eight years at a cost of several hundred thousand dollars! The Carnegie Corporation (founded by private enterprise) furnished the money.

Here is one cause of America's troubles

Here is one of the things at work to destroy the American System. Here is a major cause of the weird theories brought home from school by your child. Many schools are teaching that the business by which you live, and out of which you pay taxes, is unnecessary, socially objectionable – even dishonest. Here is a major cause of the growth of the per-pupil cost of education in New York State to $146.90 compared with $80.26 in the country as a whole. The teachings of the Countses are a chief cause of the failure of the country to emerge from the depression.

Advocate overthrow of our system

In many of our schools they are failing adequately to teach our children to read, write and cipher, and to think for themselves. But they are teaching that the time-honored institution of Private Enterprise should be thrown out.

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We suggest you inquire

It might interest you, Mr. Citizen, if you were to find out what they are teaching in your community.

More about this later

Will you not tell us what you learn? It would greatly help us. We shall have more to say about this later. Meanwhile we welcome your information and suggestions.

Merwin K. Hart
President.

NEW YORK STATE ECONOMIC COUNCIL, Inc.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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5:20 p.m.

February 7, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

I called SAC Foxworth at New York regarding Hal Burton at the New York Daily News.

I advised Mr. Foxworth you would like to find out whether Burton is a member of the New York Economic Council, and whether the New York Economic Council is the same organization as the New York State Economic Council of which Hart is the head.

Since it is indicated that an H. Ralph Burton at one time was employed as a PWA investigator, Mr. Foxworth also was requested if possible to ascertain whether H. Ralph Burton is the same person as Hal Burton.

It was pointed out that the information concerning Burton should be obtained discreetly and without disclosing the Bureau's interest. Mr. Foxworth stated he thought some of this could be obtained from BOB M. He indicated, however, that [redacted] would be in Washington tomorrow on subpoena.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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February 8, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

With reference to my conversation a few days ago concerning Hal Burton, the man who wrote the editorial in the New York Daily News, I am desirous of establishing what Burton's connection is with the New York State Economic Council. This is the same group of which Mr. Mervin K. Hart is President and who has been mentioned as having had some connection or interest with the Silver Shirts, though as to the latter statement I don't believe any specific proof has been advanced. However, it will be interesting to check into our files and find out what we have on Mervin K. Hart and what his connections are also, in the event that Burton is a member of the same organization of which Hart is President and which might explain Burton's sympathetic views toward the seventeen men indicted for sedition in Brooklyn.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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February 8, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SAC Foxworth, while talking to me about another matter, advised that the Hal Burton at the New York Daily News is not identical with H. Ralph Burton. Further, that a New York Economic Council does not exist, there being only the New York State Economic Council of which Hart is the head. Mr. Foxworth will ascertain whether Burton is a member of the New York State Economic Council.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

The attached memorandum on Merwin K. Hart, President of the New York State Economic Council, is a compilation of various data in the Bureau's files which were reviewed with negative results, primarily for the purpose of determining whether Hal Burton of the New York Daily News had any connection with Hart or the latter's organization, and secondarily to summarize available information on Hart and his connections.

The only reference to Burton in the Bureau's files consists of information from Robert M. relative to a story prematurely broken in the New York Daily News on October 29, 1939 under the joint by-line of Crosson and Hal Burton. This story was to the effect that United States Attorney Cahill was investigating Fritz Kuhn's affairs with a view to prosecuting him for income tax evasion, and that [redacted] had been questioned by the Government in this connection.

These facts had allegedly been given in confidence by Cahill to Crosson and several other reporters who made a gentlemen's agreement not to publish the story for a few days because Cahill allegedly wanted the additional prospective indictments in the Communist Passport cases out of the way first.

There are various references in the Bureau's files to one H. Ralph Burton, who is not identical with Hal Burton, according to information received by telephone from SAC P. E. Foxworth of New York City to that effect.

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The greater part of the information set out in the attached memorandum concerning Hart was obtained through [redacted]

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Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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MEMORANDUM

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Merwin K. Hart

New York State Economic Council

Merwin K. Hart is President of the New York State Economic Council with headquarters at 17 East 42nd Street, New York City, Telephone, Vanderbilt 3-5375, which is listed to the Committee for American Private Enterprise, of which Hart is Chairman, and also to Arthur F. Cosby, as well as to Hart himself. Hart appears to be the one executive on the premises, and in addition to him there is one Colonel Arthur Cosby, whom the informant describes as a "glorified office boy", and a number of clerical employees.

The Council is said to have about 17,000 members in New York State, and was originally formed with the idea of having members in all counties of New York, which, however, did not materialize. From its name it would appear that the purpose of the Council was to disseminate information on economic trends and situations to its members, but the informant, when first contacted on February 1, 1939 advised that at that time it was devoting 90% of its efforts to the distribution of propaganda on behalf of the Spanish rebel government, although it did get out an occasional letter on economics.

The New York Office of the Bureau by letter dated February 9, 1939 furnished a folder which had been obtained from the informant which sets out the purposes of the NYSEC as (1) to curb Government spending, (2) to reduce oppressive taxation, (3) to oppose subversive groups, (4) to oppose stifling restriction of private enterprise, and (5) to promote true recovery. The officers of the Council are listed in said folder as follows:

President: Merwin K. Hart, 17 East 42nd Street, New York City.

Treasurer: George D. Graves, Vice President, Chase National Bank, New York City.

Chairman, Finance Committee: William Fellows Morgan, New York City.

Vice Presidents: Elon H. Hooker, President, Hooker Electrochemical Company, New York City.

Thomas M. Peters, New York City.

Alexander D. Falck, Chairman, Corning Glass Works, Elmira, New York.

The informant has advised that the headquarters of the Council seems to be a meeting place for a group of people who are apparently interested in setting up a totalitarian form of government in the United States. The motivating force in the Council's extracurricular activities appears to be one John Eoghan Kelly, who will be treated separately hereinafter. According to the informant the Council plays very closely with Father Francis X. Talbot, editor of the Jesuit publication "America", Patrick Scanlon, editor of "The Tablet" a Brooklyn, New York Catholic publication, Father Curran of the International Youth Society, Allen Zoll, John B. Snow of the League for Constitutional Government, 18 East 48th Street, New York City, Miguel Echegaray of the Peninsular News Service, Frank Gannett, publisher, Bainbridge Colby, Cloy Gill, John Hinkle, and others concerning whom further information will be set out at a later point in this memorandum.

The Council is strongly anti-Roosevelt and anti-Communist. No actual propaganda is sent out from its office, but constant conferences and discussions arise, according to the informant, which indicate that such propaganda is being distributed through other agencies; for example, John B. Snow's

organization, the League for Constitutional Government. It is said that pamphlets are sent out in quantities of two and three million, and through alleged connections with the Catholic clergy an enormous amount of this literature is allegedly distributed through Catholic organizations. The group is also said by the informant to furnish materials to Reverend Charles Coughlin for his use, this being handled through Patrick Scanlon, who was brought into touch with the Council through Father Francis X. Talbot. Very few of the group hereinbefore mentioned actually visit the Council's office, but there are constant telephone calls back and forth arranging for meetings at other places.

From what can be gathered from the informant the Council was apparently originally engaged in a fight against Communism. It then became involved in the fight to support the Franco rebellion in Spain, and has now passed into not only opposition to the present Federal administration but has gone further and become actually opposed to the existing form of government in this country. The inner circle of the NYSEC in one way or another is now considering setting up an independent union movement to combat the CIO and other so-called radical unions, and to set up what would amount to company-controlled unions.

The informant advises [redacted] Hart, John Eoghan Kelly, Jane Anderson, and various Catholic priests, she is convinced of the existence of a plot, presumably centering around the Council and directed by Catholic church leaders to reestablish the Holy Roman Empire with certain nations so aligned as to make it possible for the Catholic church to control the balance of power through its control of the government of Spain.

The letterhead of a letter of the NYSEC dated June 17, 1937 lists the following individuals as officers:

Chairman:	William Fellows Morgan
Associate Chairman:	Thomas M. Peters
Officers:	William C. Breed, Chairman of the Board
	Merwin K. Hart, President
	Arthur F. Cosby, Secretary
	George D. Graves, Treasurer
	Almet R. Latson, Junior Counsel

	A. Margaret Schmid, Field Secretary
Vice Presidents:	Elon H. Hooker
	Thomas H. Peters
	Alexander D. Falck

As of possible interest it is noted from records of receipts of the Council secured from the informant that its income for 1937 totaled $54,953.78 of which $53,311.70 consisted of receipts from the NYSEC and $1,642.08 from other sources. For 1938 receipts from the Council were $36,217.62 and from other sources $4,007.18, or a total of $40,224.80.

It should be noted that the informant has advised that the general membership of the NYSEC is not in any way connected or apparently aware of the extracurricular activities of the Council, and that such activities are confined to the small group hereinbefore mentioned and others who will be referred to at a later point.

With reference to Hart himself, the first reference to him appears in one of the Bureau's old German files, and consists of an unsigned memorandum for Mr. DeAguerro dated April 28, 1919, quoted as follows:

> "Mr. Merwin K. Hart, an attorney of Utica, N. Y., who has been my personal friend for many years, desires to sail for Europe on Saturday with a party which includes four other men, viz., John H. Blodgett, Charles Clark, Francis Ward Paine, all of Boston, Mass., and L. Brooks Leavitt of New York City. These four gentlemen are all bankers and they, with Mr. Hart, are going abroad on private business connected with their financial operations. They have applied for passports and are told at the Passport Division of the State Department that before the passports can be granted it will be necessary for the various Intelligence officers to consent. I know none of these men except Mr. Hart, but his standing is such that I would gladly accept his statement as to the character of business of any of his associates. Will you please see what you can do with propriety to expedite the decision of the State Department in this matter?
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> Respectfully,"

Hart is general manager of the Cream of Wheat Corporation, and his home is understood to be at Utica, New York, in which connection it is noted that copies of NYSEC letters of December, 1937 and January and November, 1938 carry in addition to the New York address, the address First National Bank Building, Utica, New York. The informant expresses her belief that Hart is a sincere, fiery patriot who honestly believes the country is in serious danger from a "red menace." However, she stated that he is being used by certain Fordham University clerics who decide on certain action in conferences with John Eoghan Kelly, Allen Zoll and similar persons, and then prevail on Hart to make such contacts, presumably Protestant, as will facilitate the promotion of the action desired.

Hart has written a book entitled "America - Look at Spain", and from purported copies of correspondence exhibited by the informant it would appear that this book was partly edited by the Catholic clergy in so far as that portion of it which treats the Catholic church is concerned. Hart has visited Spain, Germany and Italy and has made an intensive study of conditions in these places. He has communicated with the Bureau in the past relative to cooperating on matters pertaining to the national defense. By letter dated April 10, 1939 he wrote the Bureau requesting a copy of the report on the German-American Bund investigation, and was advised that same was not available, and his letter was referred to the Department.

It is impossible to fully set out all the connections that Hart may possibly have, but it is probably safe to say from those he is known to have that he is connected at least with every group of any prominence in the United States whose aims are anti-administration or anti-Communist. Those persons and organizations with whom the Bureau's files definitely indicate Hart is connected will now be treated individually.

John Eoghan Kelly:

The informant has advised that Kelly appears to be the motivating force in the extracurricular activities of the NYSEC and has stated that telephone calls are made to him twenty or thirty times daily and apparently no move is made without his

approval. ✓Kelly, who is said to be an engineer by occupation, resides at 14 Brinkerhoff Street, Jersey City, New Jersey, and is listed in the 1937-38 roster of the Military Intelligence Reserve as a Captain, although the informant has advised he has now been promoted to a Major in this organization. The informant advises that Kelly hates the Democratic United States Government so violently that he loses control of himself when he talks about it and goes into the German language for words vile enough to express his feelings. Kelly was born of Irish and German parents, and has apparently lived in Germany as he speaks that language quite fluently. Special Agent [redacted] reports that he was at a meeting where Kelly was introduced by Allen Zoll as being the greatest authority in the country on subversive activities and the man who if he wanted to could tell a whole lot about this subject. Kelly's particular field appears to be mining engineering and he is said to have offices in various places. In addition to being in the Intelligence Service of the United States, he is said, according to the informant, to be in the same service of the Mexican Army.

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Kelly appears to have a connection in the Department of State inasmuch as on July 28, 1938 on the letterhead of the Commercial International Corporation he wrote to a Miss Shipley, Chief, Passport Division, Washington, D. C., addressing her as "Dear Miss Shipley" and introducing Hart, who was then planning a trip to Nationalist Spain. Kelly stated in his letter that Hart was the possessor of a passport bearing the surcharge "Not valid in Spain", and that Hart was desirous of consulting her to see how this surcharge might be waived in view of his valid reason for entering Spain. Hart himself then wrote Miss Shipley on August 1, 1938 along the same line. The requested deletion in his passport was apparently thereafter made inasmuch as Hart eventually made his trip to Spain.

The informant states that Kelly writes for "Spain", a magazine of which one Miguel Echegaray is the editor. In this connection it is noted that Echegaray is said to be a paid propagandist for Generalissimo Francisco Franco, and his organization is so registered with the State Department under the Propaganda Act.

✓Kelly is apparently connected also with the Constitutional Educational League, Inc., 15 West 44th Street, New York City, inasmuch as he wrote a memorandum to Hart on the back of a circular of this organization.

Honorable Martin Dies:

In a letter to the Bureau from the New York Office dated October 28, 1939 information was set forth to the effect that the informant had advised of a contemplated mass meeting backed by Hart and his associates at which Congressman Dies was supposed to be the main speaker. The informant stated that Hart had gone ahead with the plans for this meeting apparently having been guaranteed an attendance of at least 10,000 by b7C
Father Curran of the National Catholic Truth Society, and about the same number by various veterans' organizations. [redacted] b7D
The report also advised that Dies was apparently unwilling to go ahead, allegedly for fear of certain persons in the Department of Justice who were anxious to "get something on him" or to embarrass him in some way, and he was of the opinion that such a meeting as proposed might possibly offer these persons the chance for which they were looking.

As further evidence of Hart's connection with Dies the informant advised that by letter dated October 29, 1938 Hart wrote to Dies, one part of the letter being quoted as follows:

> "In accordance with our conversation yesterday, I am enclosing a mimeographed copy of my proposed remarks."

The informant has also advised that on at least one occasion Hart took material to Congressman Dies at Washington which he had secured from Juan F. DeCardenas, Spanish Ambassador to the United States, and from John Eoghan Kelly and Father Francis X. Talbot.

Edward Malone:

The informant advised tha[redacted] who resides at 55-96 51st Street, Woodside, Long Island, New York, also Post Office Box #6, Woodside. According to the informant Malone and his brother,

name not given, are associated with an organization known [redacted]e Society for Monetary Reform. [redacted] [redacted] Malone the informant learned that this organization is responsible for the Christian Front and likewise for the Christian Mobilizers, which organizations are all working together according to her. The informant further stated that while stories are put out to indicate that the Christian Front and the Christian Mobilizers are not friendly, the fact is that the former has gone "underground" while the latter remains as the open or legal organization. Malone is said to have [redacted]essman Thorkelson. Malone [redacted] that among the legislators in Washington friendly to his movement are the following individuals: Clare E. Hoffman, Michigan; Harold Knutson, Minnesota; E. E. Cox, Georgia; John C. Schafer, Wisconsin; Frank B. Keefe, Wisconsin; ---- Shanahan, Missouri. b7C

It is noted that there is no Congressman of the last-mentioned name from Missouri, but there is, however, a Joseph B. Shannon of this state who might be the man referred to by Malone. b7D

Malone also [redacted] that Congressman Thorkelson had "okayed" him to the above Representatives, and had told them that they could talk freely to him. The informant also advised that the Society for Monetary Reform is a name under which the Christian Front and Christian Mobilizers work at times.

The informant states that Malone, when asked as to whom a person who had information which might be of interest to the group could be referred in Texas, furnished the names of J. Stack, Post Office Box #405, Houston, Texas and Dr. Clyde Wright, 416 Hathaway Avenue, in the same city.

Charles A. Lindbergh:

The group around Hart, according to the informant, had decided three years ago to make Charles A. Lindbergh the international head of their movement and has been actively working along this line. Dr. Alexis Carrel, with whom Lindbergh has been experimenting, is said to be one of the most active leaders of the French F[redacted] by the informant [redacted]

Major General George VanHorn Moseley:

The [redacted] this individual [redacted] advising that Joseph E. McWilliams, leader of the Christian Mobilizers, had called him by long distance telephone twice with the request that he, Moseley, attend a meeting scheduled for September 13, 1939. Moseley's letter went on to state [redacted] Never heard of Christian Mobilizers. Neither they nor McWilliams are in telephone book. Sorry can't get more information." This wire was over the signature of [redacted]

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Miguel Echegaray; The Peninsular News Service:

Echegaray heads the above news service which is located at 2 East 34th Street, New York City. According to the informant this service appears to be an out and out Franco propaganda agency in this country. It issues a magazine called "Spain" in the English language, which is a propaganda medium for the Spanish rebel cause. The Peninsular News Service is registered with the State Department under the Propaganda Act.

It is noted that Hart had an article in the October 15, 1938 issue of "Spain." John Eoghan Ke[redacted] very close, and according to the informant [redacted] he is violently against the American form of government and spits on the floor in disgust when he speaks of it.

Miss Sidney Fell:

According to the informant this woman is secretary to Hart and is not believed sympathetic with the entire movement allegedly being sponsored by the inner circle of the NYSEC, and her name should be held in strictest confidence.

Miss Fell was present at a meeting held on May 24, 1939 in the main ballroom of the Great Northern Hotel, New York City, under the joint sponsorship of the American Federation Against Communism, the American Patriots, the Christian Front, and the American Nationalist Party. This meeting was supposed to have been organized principally by Allen Zoll of the American Patriots and was originally scheduled for Carnegie Hall, which cancelled the contract on the afternoon for which it was scheduled.

This meeting, which was reported by the New York Office rather extensively at the time, caused some commotion in New York City inasmuch as the great overflow crowd held impromptu parades and meetings on the sidewalks during which Jewish passers-by were insulted, and various remarks made such as "Drive out the war monger Roosevelt", and in which the President and Mrs. Roosevelt were referred to as "the stooges of Communist Russia." Through information obtained by the informant from a New York Herald Tribune reporter, it appears that the speakers at the main meeting at the Great Northern Hotel included a man named McWilliams, apparently Joe McWilliams of the Christian Mobilizers, John E. Kelly, New York State Senator McNaboe, Harold Walsh of Fordham University, and Allen Zoll. b7C

[redacted] that she was b7D
present at the meeting, but left when the newspaper men were admitted. She also stated that President Roosevelt was attacked and charged with betraying the country.

Puerto Rico:

The informant advises that certain representatives of the Catholic church connected with Hart make mysterious trips to Puerto Rico, and when referring to these journeys they accompany their remarks by rather knowing smiles.

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The informant [redacted] dated January 29, 1939 which favorably comments on the activities of the latter organization on behalf of Franco in Spain. The letter goes on to state "I am enrolled as a Simpatizante of the Falange Espanole Tradicionalista and have an identification card as such from their office in San Juan, Puerto Rico."

Concerning the society mentioned in the above letter the informant at one time showed to Special Agent [redacted] of the New York Office a typed copy of a document headed "Programme of the New Spain. The Twenty-Six Points of Falange Espanole Tradicionalista y de los J. O. N. S." allegedly the program of the Franco government in Spain. In reporting his opinion of this document Special [redacted] states "It clearly indicates an intention to maintain a Fascist or totalitarian form of government and to extend its influence into Latin America."

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Mrs. Catherine Curtis:

The informant advises that this person worked for the NYSEC at one time; that she still maintains contact with Hart, and that a friendly relationship exists between them. She also stated that Hart sends her material occasionally.

The report of Special Agent [redacted] dated at New York City, December 28, 1939, reflects that Mrs. Catherine Curtis over radio station WABC in New York on December 9, 1939 discussed the topic "Borrow or Tax." In her talk on what could be done to balance the budget she mentioned an item of $10,000,000, which she claimed she was reliably informed was to support a secret police force in this country. The informant advises that Mrs. Curtis was one of the founders of the Women Investors of America and is active in connection withvarious women's groups in New York City. She was allegedly involved in some difficulty in connection with her Investors Organization and may have been indicted and tried in connection therewith.

Mrs. Curtis was responsible for a three-day meeting in the spring of 1939 at the Biltmore Hotel in New York City, at which Boake Carter was the principal speaker in close collaboration with Joseph McWilliams of the Christian Mobilizers. At this meeting the President of the United States was allegedly attacked as a "pawn of Moscow."

According to the New York Times Index, Mrs. Curtis has also appeared on several occasions before various Senate committees in connection with certain proposed legislation, and is also said to have been behind Laura Ingalls, the aviatrix, who received considerable publicity some time ago when she flew over the capitol dropping anti-war leaflets.

John Hinkle:

The informant advises that Hinkle is understood to be employed by the New York Times and that he comes into the NYSEC office after business hours and meets with Kelly and Hart where the three of them do some sort of work together.

Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, author of "The Red Network":

Hart in a letter to Foster Parmalee of Parmalee-Braun, Inc., 1 Niagara Square, Buffalo, New York, dated July 20, 1939, after pointing out the radical nature of several organizations, mentions that he is sending under separate cover a copy of the book "The Red Network" by Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling. Hart makes the following comment about the author: "Is an extremely capable and very temperamental individual, of, I believe, honesty and integrity, but who sometimes permits herself to be swept into positions where the other side takes advantage of her idiosyncrasies and gives the public through the press a ridiculous impression of her. Nevertheless, her book is the only thing of its kind. It has, I am told, been submitted in evidence in certain California courts. I am convinced that the great bulk of what is in it is true -- indeed there is a very low percentage of error in it."

James True; James True Associates:

True and his organization are strongly anti-semetic, and the Bureau is aware of their past activities. The "New Masses" of August 18, 1936 states that Hart receives and utilizes True's weekly entitled "Industrial Control Reports." It quotes Hart as stating concerning True "An accurate and fine journalist;" "One of the finest men I know;" "A man whom I count as a real friend."

Baron Konstantin Von Maydell:

The New York Times of February 20, 1939 reported a rally for the Franco cause held on the preceding afternoon at the Seventh Regiment Armory, 66th Street and Park Avenue, New York City, attended by a crowd estimated at 10,000 under the auspices of the General Committee for American Neutrality. The article goes on to state that the meeting was presided over by Merwin K. Hart, whom it described as "lawyer and President of the State Economic Council." Speakers besides Hart were listed as Dr. Alexander Hamilton Rice, geographer and explorer, Ogden H. Hammond, Ambassador from the United States to Spain from 1925 to 1929, and Reverend Doctor Joseph F. Thorning, Professor of Sociology and Social History at Mount St. Mary's College, Emmittsburg, Maryland. b7C

At this rally the picture "Spain in Arms", a Franco propaganda film owned by Von Maydell, was shown and the financial arrangements w[redacted]oll. According to correspondence [redacted]art and Kelly had a falling out concerning the disposition of proceeds taken in by Zoll, with Hart claiming that Kelly was responsible for having retained Zoll for this purpose, and Kelly disclaiming his responsibility. It appears that Hart's only connection with Von Maydell was through the showing of the above film. b7D

Von Maydell was the subject of a Bureau espionage investigation during which John E. Kelly appeared at the New York Office of the Bureau and stated that he had heard "through friends" that an inquiry was being made concerning Von Maydell's activities and that he wanted to clear the latter's name. Kelly refused to further identify the friends who furnished him with the information concerning the investigation being conducted. Kelly at this time identified himself to the Agent interviewing him as a Major of the Military Intelligence Reserve, and stated that he maintains an office in Room 1201, 15 West 44th Street, New York City. It is further noted that Kelly's title of Major was verified through subsequent investigation in this case through Captain Glavin of the Military Intelligence at Governor's Island, New York, who stated that Kelly is a blow-hard and of questionable value as a Military Intelligence officer.

The informant advised that Von Maydell sailed for Germany on April 26, 1939, and the espionage investigation concerning him was closed for this reason in addition to the fact that no evidence had been uncovered indicating that he was engaged in any subversive activities.

Reverend Francis X. Talbot, 329 East 108 Street, New York City:

Reverend Talbot is editor of "America", a Catholic Jesuit publication, and is listed as a member of the Board of Governors of the Emergency Council to Keep the United States Out of Foreign War, 49 West 44th Street, New York City, according to circulars distributed by Allen Zoll outside of Carnegie Hall in New York City on October 11, 1939 following a meeting held by a similar organization there. b7C b7D

From information [redacted] it appears that John E. Kelly wrote to Reverend Talbot on August 3, 1938 introducing Hart and advising that Hart was planning to leave for Nationalist Spain in the near future, and that he, Kelly, took the liberty of telling Hart that he thought a talk with Father Talbot would prove mutually interesting and beneficial. The informant also advised that there was subsequent correspondence between Father Talbot and Hart thereafter.

Edward A. Rumley:

This is the person, who, during the World War, handled the negotiations under which Germany sought to get control of the New York Evening Mail, and became involved with Federal authorities as a result of this activity. [redacted]etween Hart and Rumley indicating a mutual interest in connection with a radio broadcast entitled "America -- Look at Spain."

Reverend Frederick Seidenburg, S. J., Executive Dean of the University of Detroit:

[redacted] it appears that Reverend Seidenburg wrote to Hart on February 1, 1939 acknowledging receipt of a letter, and he suggests to Hart that

the latter's American Union for Nationalist Spain could render a splendid service by preparing a pamphlet which would be proof of the Catholic position that the Spanish Civil War was not a conflict between democracy and Fascism, but a gigantic Communist movement which included in its aims the destruction of Christianity.

American Union for Nationalist Spain:

[redacted] said was a copy of b7C
an excerp[redacted]e Committee of this b7D
organization held December 28, 1938 in New York City, at which time the name of the organization was formally adopted. The AUNS was eventually set up in Room 417, 17 East 72nd Street, with Hart as Chairman, Hildreth Meiere as Treasurer, John E. Kelly as Secretary, and the following Executive Committee: Ogden H. Hammond, Ellery Sedgewick, Hildreth Meiere, Ignatius M. Wilkinson (to writer's knowledge Dean of Fordham University Law School), Merwin K. Hart, and John E. Kelly.

Pablo Merrydel Val:

As an indication of Hart's close connection with the Spanish regime under General Franco, it is noted that the captioned individual on September 27, 1938 wrote to Hart on the letterhead of the Ministry of the Interior National Press Service, Burgos, Spain furnishing him with photographs showing purported Communist horrors on women and children which had been selected from the archives by Hart on his trip to Spain.

American Women Against Communism:

[redacted]
52 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York City. This outfit is said to be incorporated in the District of Columbia as a non-profit organization. Its officers are as follows:

President:	Mrs. A. Cressy Morrison
Vice President:	Miss Charlotte C. Aycrigg
Secretary-Treasurer:	Mrs. Charles C. Ransom
Honorary President:	Mrs. Lowell Fletcher Hobart
General Counsel:	Lieutenant Colonel Orvel Johnson.

✓ It is noted that Mrs. Morrison has been present on the speakers' platform at meetings promoted or managed by Allen Zoll. Miss Aycrigg is said to have furnished the $200 which was used by Zoll to make the payment for the use of Carnegie Hall in New York City for a meeting.

Juan F. De Cardenas:

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De Cardenas is the present Spanish Ambassador to the United States. [redacted] it appears that Hart started corresponding with De Cardenas on June 20, 1938 apparently after Jane Anderson had written De Cardenas of Hart's proposed visit to Nationalist Spain. This association apparently flowered because by letter dated December 23, 1938 Hart informed De Cardenas that he had been in touch with his friend, Larid Bell, President of the Council on Foreign Relations in Chicago, Illinois, and discussed with him De Cardenas' coming visit to Chicago.

✓ Henry Hamilton Beamish; ----- O'Keefe:

The informant advised that a man named O'Keefe who had previously been reported as being here from the Canadian Fascist group for the purpose of having an interview with Hart, had again called an[redacted]that he was now on the Supreme Council and that "they" are working very effectively in various parts of the worl[redacted]

O'Keefe[redacted]hat a man named Henry Hamilton Beamish previously reported as a speaker at a Fascist meeting at the New York Hippodrome, is now in South Africa, address, Post Office Box #752, Salsbury, Rhodesia, South Africa[redacted]that Beamish is the greatest influence in this so-called Fascist movement, and is said to have been with Hitler in his early days and with Mussolini's forces in

their march on Rome. According to information from the informant, apparently obtained from O'Keefe, Beamish is reported to be in constant communication with Boris Brazol, the leader of the Russian Nationalists, 5 Columbus Circle, New York City.

[redacted] O'Keefe is in and out of Hart's office very frequently and is also in touch with Joseph McWilliams of the Christian Mobilizers. b7C b7D

Jane Anderson De Cienfuegos:

This is the woman previously referred to herein as Jane Anderson. She is understood to be a writer for the Hearst papers and is obviously close to the Spanish Fascist Regime as indicated by her relationship with the Spanish Ambassador and trips to Spain.

[redacted] this person told Hart on her return from one of her trips to Spain that she had been a house guest in the home of Franco and had visited the Pope in Rome, and is said to have received a message from him which she had discussed with none but Father Francis X. Talbot, Reverend O'Donnell and Reverend Dougherty of the Catholic clergy.

[redacted] to Miss Anderson on August 11, 1938 telling her he had seen Mrs. Hayes, President of the Women's National Republican Club, concerning the arrangement of dates for her to address groups of this organization and its affiliates.

By letter dated June 30, 1939 Hart wrote to Arthur Kenedy of J. Kenedy and Sons, 12 Barclay Street, New York City concerning Miss De Cienfuegos as follows:

> "I do not know whether you know Miss Jane Anderson, who is the Marques Cienfuegos. You may recall that she was imprisoned by the Reds at Madrid and had a rather spectacular last-minute rescue after being sentenced to death. She is a devout Catholic, and in 1937-38 made several hundred addresses, mostly before Catholic audiences

on behalf of Spain. She went back to Spain last December and returned in May, having been decorated by General Franco, and apparently having had a grand, good time besides. She has opened up in Philadelphia an office, the purpose of which is set forth in the enclosed circular.

"Miss Anderson asked me some weeks ago when she returned from Spain to join with her in a commercial venture to find persons who would visit Spain (This, I think, should be confidential), but I did not feel that under the circumstances I cared to do it. I have just talked with her on the telephone about the possibility of bringing my book "America Looks at Spain" to the attention of those who go to Spain. She did not say she would do it, but she did assure me that she would give the matter consideration, and I have sent her a half dozen copies of the second pamphlet.

"May I suggest that if you think well of the plan you communicate direct with Miss Anderson at Philadelphia. I am of the opinion that she has influence enough, especially in Philadelphia, to interest a considerable number of persons in making this trip to Spain. The Spanish Consul General, who had lunch with me yesterday, has promised her his assistance in the matter, and she is likely to get some business."

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Frank Gannett, Publisher:

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speaks of certain false propaganda published concerning Franco, his last paragraph is as follows:

"I suggest you call on the proper officials of the Utica Press and invite them to take back what they said. If you do not get specific results, let me know and I will take it up with Frank Gannett."

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John B. Trevor:

[redacted] that this individual who is head of the Coalition of Patriotic Societies, [redacted] Trevor allegedly assured Hart that the hearings previously held by the Dies Committee (Deatherage Moseley, et al) were a smoke screen and the real show would come when he, Dies, went after the Communists. The informant also stated that Mako Stewart and his father, so-called "Mortgage Kings" in Texas, are financing Dies and are leading Catholic laymen in their part of Texas.

The informant turned over to the New York Office of the Bureau for examination, [redacted]

Church Layman's Association:

In an article by Harold Lord Varney in American Mercury for January, 1938 entitled "Radicals in Our Churches" he mentions the formation within the Protestant Episcopal denomination of the captioned association under the leadership of Merwin K. Hart and Mrs. Annie Ostrom Alexander, to combat Socialism within that church.

Remington Rand, Incorporated:

[redacted]

As an indication of the relationship existing between Hart and this company [redacted] Hart notes therein that he is transmitting a copy of an article which had appeared on a previous date in the New York Herald Tribune, and hazards a guess that the paper is going to print another article.

Joseph Ryan, leader of the International Longshoremen's Union:

In a memorandum dated December 15, 1939 submitted by Special Agent [redacted] of the New York Office, he reports a conversation with the informant in which she advised that the American Youth Congress was to hold a meeting at the Commodore Hotel in New York City on December 16, 1939. Hart apparently got this information from one Miss Dobson of the Clearing House for National Interests. Immediately upon receipt of this information, Hart, according to the informant is understood to have communicated with various persons opposed to the American Youth Congress with a view toward sabotaging its meeting.

Among others Hart allegedly contacted Joseph Ryan, whose International Longshoremen's Union had coincidentally already reserved the main ballroom of the Commodore Hotel for a meeting of its own on the same date. Hart is said to have arranged with Ryan to have some of the latter's strong arm men present in the American Youth Congress audience with a view toward disrupting the proceedings.

The memorandum is of further significance in that it [redacted] There is no mention made of Hal Burton, however.

Harry A. Jung:

[redacted] Jung whose organization is known as The American Vigilant Intelligence Federation, with national headquarters at Post Office Box #144, Chicago, Illinois. It is noted that Jung was referred to in an article in the Saturday Evening Post of May 27, 1939 as being one of the brain trusts of the Fascist movement in America.

Torres Perona:

The informant advised that this person is quite friendly with the group comprising the inner circle of the NYS&C, and is said to have been sent to the Eighth International Conference of American States of the Pan-American Congress by the new Peruvian administration.

The informant exhibited to Special Agent [redacted] b7C [redacted] though the informant advises that she cannot understand the reason for his excitement since the report can presumably be bought by anyone desirous of obtaining a copy by communic[illegible] with the responsible committee. b7C

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Gerald Smith:

This is apparently the same individual who strongly [redacted]

DuPonts of Wilmington, Delaware:

The informant advises that these persons were at one time strong financial supporters of the NYSEC but have not contributed recently.

No information is being set out herein relative to Allen Zoll and the Reverend Joseph F. Thorning inasmuch as separate memoranda have been submitted in the past concerning these persons and are a part of the Bureau's file.

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March 6, 1940

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

8-6-02 SP2MLT/RW

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the recent inquiry from Assistant Director E. A. Tamm concerning HAL BURTON.

Inquiry was made by Special Agent [redacted] of this office, of [redacted] concerning the existence of an organization known as the New York Economic [redacted] whether or not she knew of a member by the name of Burton in the New York State Economic Council, and whether it is, in fact, a membership organization. She stated that the organization itself solicits contributions which more or less automatically make the contributor a member; that the minimum contribution sought is understood to be $10.00 although they do not always get this amount and, of course, in many instances, get much larger amounts.

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The Council letter which is supposed to go out bi-monthly from the New York State Economic Council used to go to a mailing list of about seventeen thousand names which names were kept on a card index system on the premises, in addition to a separate card index of the financial supporters of the organization. From old information it was understood by [redacted] that there were between one thousand and three thousand members. Whether this is a correct figure or not she could not state. [redacted] LEE H. BURTON of Larchmont, N.Y. and another one on J.H. BURTON, the President of Burton Brothers & Co., 440 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

TOLSON TAMM NICHOLS OFFICE

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Letter to Bureau   March 6, 1940

Neither of these appeared to be, by any possibility, the individual in whom we were interested, HAL BURTON. However inquiry was then made of Confidential Informant, [redacted] and it was learned definitely that Hal Burton does not have the name of Lee as any part of his name, and likewise, that he is not J. H. Burton of Burton Brothers & Company. b7D

Recently Agent [redacted] had several conversations with C. V. Sutcliffe and from these conversations and other information including newspaper publicity, knows that Ralph Burton is the Chief Investigator for the Woodrum Committee now conducting investigations in this city on behalf of Congress, with headquarters at the New Yorker Hotel. b7C

In making inquiry of [redacted] Agent [redacted] did not disclose to her any information other than the name Burton without any first name or any information as to his profession or place of employment.

Confidential informant [redacted] has been endeavoring to arrange an interview with Hal Burton, but has been unable to do so inasmuch as Burton has been away on vacation.

Very truly yours,

P.E. FOXWORTH
Special Agent in Charge.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

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March 11, 1940

EAT:LCJ

9:30 AM

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

While in telephonic communication with SAC Foxworth at New York, I inquired whether he had ever determined whether Hal Burton is a member of the New York State Economic Society.

Mr. Foxworth advised that Agent [redacted] informant checked all the records of the [redacted]tion, but she could not find Burton's name listed there. He said that there is nothing to indicate that he is a member of the group.

Mr. Foxworth said that he was advised by Norma Abrams that Hal Burton is not an editorial writer on the New York Daily News, but is a rewrite man. He said, however, that he wrote the article, and that Norma Abrams said that the reason it was written in the language in which it was is that Burton, as a rewrite man, is accustomed to using catch phrases of that kind.

Respectfully,

E. A. TAMM

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PEF:MT

New York, N. Y.
March 13, 1940.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Confidential informant [redacted] has advised me that the true name of Hal Burton, who is employed by the Daily News as a rewrite man and who did in fact write the editorial which appeared in that newspaper pertaining to the Christian Front activities, is HAROLD BURNEY BURTON, Beaux Arts Apartments, 31[illegible] East 44th Street, Apartment 201 South, New York, N. Y., telephone Wickersham 4-4800.

Very truly yours,

P. E. FOXWORTH
Special Agent in Charge.

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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

March 14, 1940

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ~~DIRECTOR~~

I called SAC Foxworth at New York and, with reference to the attached memorandum, asked him where he obtained the information that Hal Burton of the New York Daily News was connected with the State Economic Council.

Mr. Foxworth said that he did not recall where he obtained that information, although the only persons from whom he obtained information about Burton were [redacted] and [redacted] He said that he would try to determine where he did get the information.

Respectfully,

E. A. Tamm

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Record of Telephone Call or Visitor.

January 16, 1940.

Time *3:25 pm*

Name *Mr. Foxworth tele. from New York.*

Referred to 86-02 SP2MCT/RW

Details:

Mr. E. A. Coblentz, of the New York Journal American, is very desirous of talking with Mr. Hoover on the telephone.

The number is New York - Portland 7-1212.

Mr. Foxworth also said he thought Mr. Hoover would be interested to know that the editorial in today's New York Daily News was written - according to information from Bob H to Mr. Starr, by Hal Burton - an editorial writer - in the absence today of the regular writers. Burton is connected with the State Economic Council according to Mr. Foxworth.

The editorial is unfavorable to the Director and Bureau.

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New York, N.Y.
March 15, 1940.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

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RE: HAL BURTON

8-6-02

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Mr. Tamm's inquiry of yesterday, at which time he asked the source of the information which we had received in New York to the effect that Hal Burton was connected with the New York State Economic Council. The only persons with whom I have talked concerning Hal Burton were [redacted] a reporter of the Daily News, and confidential informant [redacted]

I have asked both of these people and neither of them furnished me the information that Burton was connected with the New York State Economic Council. The first I recall receiving this information was upon receipt of a telephone call from the Bureau in which they asked that an inquiry be made to ascertain if Burton was in fact connected with the New York Economic Council, and the request was also made at the same time to ascertain if the New York State Economic Council and the New York Economic Council were one and the same.

The information covering our inquiry in this matter was reported to the Bureau in my letter of March 6, 1940.

Very truly yours,

P. E. Foxworth
P. E. FOXWORTH
Special Agent in Charge.

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May 25, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Re: NEW YORK STATE ECONOMIC COUNCIL

Mr. Franklin B. Atwood, who informed me he has been in the Consular Service, and who has filed an application for appointment to this service, called this morning and stated that the above organization which is located at 17 East 42nd Street, New York City, may be involved in 5th column activities.

He stated that the organization is apparently financed by private contributions, but a Mr. Hart one of its officers, was quaking in his boots when the BIFRONT case broke.

Mr. Atwood indicated that he has a friend who is a stenographer in the Consul's office who has informed him concerning Hart and also the fact that the organization was very much involved in pro-Franco activities in Spain.

Respectfully,

L. R. Pennington

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D. C.

Re: MERWIN K. HART
NEW YORK STATE ECONOMIC COUNCIL
Internal Security - G

Dear Sir:

On December 6, 1940, a telephone call was received by Special Agent [redacted] pointment to call on him at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 7, 1940.

Others who are in contact with HART and the New York State Economic Council are CHARLES LINDBERGH, SENATOR RUSH HOLT, GENERAL HUGH JOHNSON and the group which revolves around Scribner's "Commentator".

[redacted] had mentioned LINDBERGH'S close connection with HART several months ago.

Very truly yours,

B.E. Sackett

B. E. SACKETT,
Special Agent in Charge

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January 22, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Re: MERWIN K. HART
LAWRENCE DENNIS
INTERNAL SECURITY - G.

The following information concerning the subject consists of a review of the information contained in "The Hour" and is set out herein for record purposes having been received at the Bureau from an outside unknown source.

In connection with Harold L. Ickes' recent characterization of Merwin K. Hart as "fascist-minded" and the latter's indignant demand that the Secretary of the Interior retract his statement, the substance of the facts "The Hour" has revealed about Mr. Hart are as follows:

The September 28 issue of "The Hour" carried an article entitled "The Activities of Merwin K. Hart," which pointed out that Mr. Hart had not only expressed his contempt for democracy in words--"it is time to brush aside this word democracy with its connotations"; but that through his activities he had also been closely associated with leading Fifth Columnists in the United States. "The Hour" observed:

> "Whether or not Hart is reluctant to 'align himself' with the enemies of the U. S. democracy, is best shown by the company he keeps. Among his associates and friends are outstanding American fascists; Father Coughlin, for whose publication, Social Justice, Hart wrote an article entitled "There Is No Want In National Spain"; Allen Zoll, anti-Semite indicted on charges of attempted extortion and former fuehrer of the American Patriots; Father Edward Lodge Curran, warm supporter of Coughlin; Gerald K. Smith, midwest petty fuehrer, John B. Trevor; John B. Snow, etc."

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The article also stated that on December 8, 1938, Mr. Hart held a meeting made notable by the presence of Bund-leader Fritz Kuhn; that on December 16 of the same year, Mr. Hart spoke at a pro-Franco rally of the American Patriots arranged by extortionist Allen Zoll; and that Mr. Hart organized in collaboration with Allen Zoll a "pro-American" mass meeting held on February 19, 1940.

"The Hour" commented on the fact that Mr. Hart, using a device in current favor among U. S. anti-Semites, likes to denounce "refugees" and "international liberals" as being "blinded by fury at the persecution of minorities in Germany" and wanting "to drag us into their wars." For evidence of Mr. Hart's sympathetic understanding of the way in which the Nazis treat "minorities" in the Third Reich, reference is made to Hart's book, America--Look At Spain, in which the author condones with historical analogies the persecution of the Jewish people in Spain.

In discussing Mr. Hart's chairmanship of the New York State Economic Council, an organization that has consistently pursued anti-labor, anti-democratic activities, "The Hour" pointed out that a pamphlet published by the Council recommends for additional reading-material the literature of the notorious anti-Semite and labor-spy Harold J. Jung, as well as the works of the fascistic Elizabeth Dilling. This particular pamphlet contains a preface written by Mr. Hart.

It would seem from such facts as the above that if the Secretary of the Interior erred in his characterization of Merwin K. Hart, he erred on the side of understatement.

At the time Mr. Ickes made his remarks about M. K. Hart, he also touched upon the fascistic inclinations of Lawrence Dennis. The latter has since challenged the Secretary's right "to attack the private characters and motives of the appeasers or would-be appeasers." In a rambling letter to the New York Times, Mr. Dennis chides Mr. Ickes for "smearing" him but observes that he will not deign to "take up the gauntlet."

It is noteworthy that Lawrence Dennis, who has been so clamorous an exponent of American Fascism, is today reluctant to be labeled as a fascist. Like many U. S. Fifth Columnists, he has suddenly discovered that he is motivated by the purest and most patriotic of principles. In his latest book, The Dynamics of War and Revolution, he strains to declare his "loyalty" to this country, expounding his own peculiar brand of patriotism in passages like the following:

> "As soon as we enter the next war I shall try to join up in any capacity in which I may be found useful....I shall be delighted to serve my country with its war propaganda. I am just as ready to lie as to kill for my country. Any ethic which does not put a man's country above all else is a stench in my nostrils. I have for no foreign country any sympathy which would make it difficult for me to kill its nationals if ordered by my country to do so."

The poverty of these jingoistic phrases is exposed when Mr. Dennis voices his real attitude toward American Democracy and toward the American people:

> "To make the task of my critics as simple as possible, let me say categorically that I do not believe in democracy or the intelligence of the masses (read, the American people) as my critics will generally use these terms. If democracy merited my believing in it or if the masses had social intelligence to which rational appeal could be made, we should not have fought the Civil War and the World War or be in the mess we have been in for the past ten years."

Mr. Dennis, who pictures himself as a bit of an aristocrat, remarks that he writes for a very select group:

> "This book is not addressed, then, to those who will be stampeded into war like cattle into a corral but to all the elite..."

And who are the "elite"? The author answers this question in his opening chapter, which is modestly entitled, "Definitions: They Must Be Made By Those Who Make History":

> "The in-elite are the people who run things... The out-elite are those who might be running things if there occurred a shift in power. There can be no question as to who are the ins....One cannot designate conclusively the future elite among the outs. One has to wait until they come into power. But one is justified in saying that there always is an out or potential elite which might become the in or actual elite in a change of circumstances."

Of course, the fashionable gentry that Mr. Dennis chatters about so vaguely, and for whom his book is written, are -- in simple language -- the fascists. Adolph Hitler also uses the word "elite". He applies it to his most trusted set of thugs: the Schutz-Staffel, the blackshirted Elite Guard of the Nazis.

Mr. Dennis' works are filled with fascistic jargon, such as his use of the word "elite". Like Hitler, and all other fascist "theoreticians" Mr. Dennis likes to conceal real aims and motives behind mystical prattle about the "dynamics" of society, etc.

The fact is that Mr. Dennis' principles today are just what they were when he was assistant editor of the not-so-stylish "Awakener", defunct fascist journal which had as executive editor the notorious anti-Semite Joseph P. Kamp and which featured articles by labor spy Harry Jung, head of the American Vigilant Intelligence Federation. Despite his patriotic claims, Lawrence Dennis remains what he was then: an out-and-out fascist.

Respectfully,

E. W. Timm

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February 10, 1941

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Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

Re: MERWIN K. HART;
NEW YORK STATE ECONOMIC COUNCIL

Dear Sir:

Information has been received by the Bureau from an unknown, outside source that the following recently appeared in "The Hour", a weekly publication of New York City:

> "The Hour is informed that Merwin K. Hart, whose fascistic inclinations were recently denounced by Secretary Ickes, is planning a considerable expansion of his anti-democratic work. In the immediate future, the New York State Economic Council, of which Hart is chairman, will begin holding large meetings in principal cities throughout New York State. The Council's publicity will describe the campaign as an attempt to bring about "a spiritual, moral and patriotic revival." The actual purpose, of course, is to spread over the widest possible area the fascistic teachings of Hart's organization."

The above information is being transmitted for the completion of your files.

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Very truly yours,

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March 29, 1941

MEMORANDUM

RE: MERWIN K. HART

The following information which was taken from "The Hour" was received at the Bureau from an outside unknown source.

Merwin K. Hart, the allegedly anti-democratic head of the New York State Economic Council, has again issued a proclamation concerning his patriotism. His statement, which appeared in the press on February 27, 1941, is in answer to comments made by Secretary Ickes before a dinner given in New York on February 26, 1941, by the Protestant Digest Associates.

Hart in his statement to the press declared, "Mr. Ickes accuses me of treason. His statements are as false as statements can be. I am neither anti-Semitic, anti-Negro nor anti-sharecropper."

In connection with Hart's protestation, "The Hour" quoted the following passage that appeared in "The Hour" on September 28, 1940; "...a major portion of Merwin K. Hart's speech was quoted from a book of which he is author, entitled, America - Look At Spain. This book, while attacking democracy throughout the world, praises the Fascism that has come to Spain. The anti-Semitism in Spain is excused with historical analogies: 'In 1469 Ferdinand of Aragon married Isabella of Castile. They recognized the imperative need for unity... They began the enforced conversion (and expulsion) of non-Christian elements in the land.' A pamphlet advertising this book includes recommendations from prominent anti-Semites. Among these are the gentleman-Fascist John B. Trevor, head of the American Coalition, and John B. Snow, director of the League for Constitutional Government, who deals in the Protocols of Zion and other anti-Semitic literature. The Coughlinite Brooklyn Tablet also endorsed America-Look At Spain.

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MERWIN K. HART

The Communists perfected the technique of using innocents as fronts for their various subversive activities on the Left. The Fascists are their opposite numbers on the Right. They have learned this Communist trick and are using it to dupe unsuspecting conservatives into opposing Democracy -- the same job which the Communists have been doing among liberals.

One of the past masters of this subversive Communist-Fascist technique is Merwin K. Hart. His front is the New York Economic Council, of which he is President. Its purpose has been to agitate for lower taxes -- a common and respectable enough objective! Indeed, conservatives have been duped by this slogan in the same fashion -- as, on the other side of the street, the Communists have exploited the defense of labor in order to extend their transmission belt among liberals. The real purpose of Merwin Hart's Economic Council is no more to reduce taxes than the purpose of the Communist Front organizations is to help labor! Its purpose is to further Fascism in the U. S. A.!

Although Hart signs the Council's bi-monthly letters, which are circulated among businessmen, he is not at all well known. He is essentially a background manipulator of Fascist strategy. Only rarely does he show his hand and, then, before carefully selected groups like the Union League Club. Thus, on Sept. 19, 1940, he spoke his mind about what Democracy means to him: "So far as I can see the great impetus to the use of this word appeared after the mutiny of the Communist International in 1935."

This provoked violent indignation among members of his audience who thought they were going to hear a discussion of the tax problem. It also taught Hart the wisdom of keeping his mouth shut in order to remain free to be the background master-mind and clearing-house of the Fascist movement. He has preferred to let others like Father Coughlin and General Mosely be the demagogues. They come and go, while he -- the general staff -- provides the movements's continuity.

His ability to organize picket lines from the obscurity of his backroom is uncanny. At a Christian Front meeting in Prospect Hall, November 24, 1939, John Cassidy urged an audience of 300 to "go up to Merwin K. Hart's office on 42nd Street . . . and get free tickets to the Garden Rally and get there early."

Hart can be credited, as much as any individual in America, with ably assisting in the triumph of General Franco in Spain. The embargo on arms to the Spanish Republic remained sealed despite the popular sentiment -- of many Catholics also -- in favor of sending U. S. arms to the Spanish government. A small, articulate minority formed the American Union for Nationalist Spain. With Father Curran, leading Coughlinite in greater New York, Bernard D'Arcy, Coughlin's lawyer in the east, Patrick Scanlon and Allen Zoll, he promoted the huge pro-Franco rally at the 7th Regiment Armory in February, 1939. That Franco is, and has always been, a sleeping partner of the Axis is now all too apparent.

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The American appeasement movement owes a great debt to Hart. He has had frequent meetings with Lindbergh, Castle and Holt. Verne Marshall became the head of the No Foreign War Committee after Hart introduced him to Lindbergh. On December 8, 1940, Castle wrote Hart that Marshall "is so violent on the subject of Jews and the New Deal that he is likely to badly overstep the mark. God knows, I have no particular affection for such people, but I much prefer to express it to you in private than in a public advertisement."

Hart attacks education in the name of economy; he demanded a $50,000,000 cut in school appropriations last year. He considers progressive education an indulgence in "silly theories" and organized a national campaign to remove Rugg's textbook from the schools.

Because of exposure of his activities, Hart has been carefully avoiding pro-Axis persons recently and has been studiously trying to take on protective coloration. He invited the liberal Republican Congressman, Joseph Clark Baldwin, to speak at his luncheon of April 10th. Baldwin did speak but also denounced the anti-democratic views of the sponsors. Baldwin said, "Had I known of these views, I would not be here today."

Mr. O. K. Armstrong was one of the astounded innocents who halted Verne Marshall's Committee. In resigning, he said he had had dinner with Hart and had never heard so much pro-Fascist talk in his life. Bund jail-bird Fritz Kuhn and James Wheeler-Hill have been frequent guests at Hart's political lunches. He has been able to carry on long after each of these characters has been torpedoed.

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DALLAS, TEXAS

June 3, 1941

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Dear Sir:

This is to advise that on June 2, 1941, Mr. ARTHUR L. COLEMAN, Associate Editor, Holland's Magazine, Dallas, Texas, called at this office and furnished the following information concerning the NEW YORK STATE ECONOMIC COUNCIL, which, according to his information, is being used as a blind for a certain group of individuals that are sponsoring Fascism on a world-wide scale, and are particularly active in the United States.

Mr. COLEMAN qualified his remarks by stating that he accidentally ran into this information on a recent visit to New York when he met [redacted] He advised that upon the occasion of this meeting he was introduced to [redacted] by a friend of his, DAN WILLIAMS, who is former chief of the editorial staff of the NEW YORK WORLD TELEGRAM and is a brother of the WILLIAMS who is an architect in the employ of the Government on the Housing Project in Washington. He advised that in general conversation with [redacted] she informed him of a very fantastic program being carried on through the facilities of the New York State Economic Council, and that millions of dollars are being spent and millions of pieces of literature are being forwarded to various parts of the world. According to his information, one ETCHEGARRAY (phonetic), an ex-Jesuit, was at that time affiliated with the Council and was carrying on the work for this group and their Fascist program. He advised that LAMONT DuPONT, ANNE MORGAN, and possibly HENRY FORD and other multimillionaires were sponsoring and financing this world-wide movement, but their names do not appear as a matter of record and they are in a position to deny any affiliation with such a group; that the world headquarters are somewhere in South Africa, the name of the town or the manager of the headquarters not being furnished to him.

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He advised that OTIS WEISS, Editor of McCALL'S Magazine, was advised by him of these facts, and that WEISS became intensely interested and assigned a reporter to discuss these facts with [redacted] [redacted] He advised that he has not heard the results of this discussion, whether or not WEISS was impressed with further facts obtained, but he did learn through [redacted] that Mr. WARNER, who is the publisher of the McCall Corporation, was one of the key figures behind this Fascist movement.

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He explained that, according to information supplied by [redacted] the individuals in this group are personally in possession of a large amount of funds to draw upon, and that they were serious in their efforts to establish themselves as the leaders of the world; that in such an effort they sponsored a movement that was later ridiculed by most members of the press wherein SMEDLEY BUTLER was approached with the proposition to lead an army to Washington, D. C., to be composed of Legionnaires and Protestants generally, and that at that time LAMONT DuPONT was supposed to have agreed to furnish sufficient rifles through his connection with Remington Arms. According to Mr. COLEMAN [redacted] was apparently sincere in her statement that this was not a myth, as they actually proposed the overthrow of the present form of government at that time.

Mr. COLEMAN further informed that in 1936, according to [redacted] this group picked CHARLES LINDBERG as being the young man most outstanding in political and social life in the United States and approached him with the proposition of leading this movement, ostensibly for patriotic motives, and that since that time LINDBERG'S activity has been financed and sponsored by this group of financiers. He also advised that, according to [redacted] this group also saw wonderful possibilities in MARTIN DIES, and therefore ingratiated themselves with DIES, and actively, through lobbyists, supported his request for increased appropriation in October, 1939, and thereafter MERVIN K. HART, who is an outstanding member of the Council, and others arranged for a mass meeting at Madison Square Garden, which meeting took place in the winter of 1939-40 or the early spring of 1940, at which time MARTIN DIES made the principal address. He advised that according to [redacted] it was astounding that this group could assemble 10,000 Protestants and 10,000 Knights of Pythias for such a meeting, they being, of course, opposite in their belief. He informed that VINCENT SHEHAN, a writer with somewhat left wing tendencies, wrote a letter to TIME magazine accusing HART and this group of being Fascists, and HART at that time answered this letter and denied any affiliation or any activity in sponsoring Fascism.

DIRECTOR (New York State Economic Council) 6/3/41

Mr. COLEMAN informed that DAN WILLIAMS at the present time is residing at 409 West 13th Street, Austin, Texas, and is investigating the possibility of Governor W. Lee O'DANIEL'S being a member of or being [redacted]

Mr. COLEMAN further advised the writer that according to [redacted] was at one time interviewed by an agent of this Bureau in New York; and in the midst of the story [redacted] was relating, this agent abruptly cut in and stated that this Bureau was interested only in the Communism existent in this country. Mr. COLEMAN stated that of course he did not believe that this was the statement made, and he was doubtful [redacted] ever having been interviewed by an agent of this Bureau; however, he desired to furnish this information for whatever it is worth. b7C b7C

A copy of this letter is being designated for the Houston and San Antonio Offices; however, it is suggested that no investigation be conducted unless specifically authorized by the Bureau. Copies are furnished Assistant Director CONNELLEY in order that he may advise the Bureau specifically of the result of any interviews that may have been had in New York with [redacted] and an opinion as to her reliability.

Very truly yours

A. P. KITCHIN
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Houston
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Assistant Director E. J. Connelley
New York, New York

Re: NEW YORK STATE
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Internal Security

Dear Sir:

For your information only there is attached information which was received at the Bureau on July 23, 1941, from the White House.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT:

THE FOLLOWING IS AN OFFICE THAT SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED:

NEW YORK STATE ECONOMIC COUNCIL, 505 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY.

COLONEL CHARLES LINDBERG HAS CALLED ON MR. MERWIN K. HART, WHO IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL, AT HIS OFFICE SEVERAL TIMES, HAD CONFERENCES WITH HIM AND TELEPHONED HIM. HE USUALLY ENTERED MR. HART'S OFFICE THROUGH A BACK DOOR. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE TEXAS COMPANY, WHO RESIGNED AFTER PUBLICITY WAS GIVEN TO HIS VISITS TO A DR. WESTRICK IN WESTCHESTER SOME TIME AGO, HAS GIVEN DONATIONS TO THE NEW YORK STATE ECONOMIC COUNCIL WHEN THEIR PAY ROLL WAS LOW OF FUNDS. MR. HART ALSO HAS CONTACT WITH THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR, AND CONTACTS WITH DOCK WORKERS IN NEW YORK. HE IS PRO GERMAN. HE HAS HAD TELEPHONE CALLS TO MR. DIES OF THE DIES COMMISSION, BUT DON'T KNOW IF HE USES MR. DIES TO COVER HIS ACTIONS. MR. HART'S NIECE IS IN HIS OFFICE AS RECEPTIONIST OR TELEPHONE OPERATOR. THIS REALLY SHOULD BE LOOKED INTO.

CC TO MR. HOOVER OF F.B.I.

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MR. LADD

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Respectfully,

C. H. Carson

Original cannot be located and is not on record. When original is received in Files Division it will be filed either with this copy or may be given a new serial.

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ADDENDUM:

A blank memorandum summarizing the information in the Bureau's files concerning Merwin K. Hart is attached hereto.

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MERWIN K. HART

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Merwin K. Hart is President of the New York State Economic Council, 17 East 42nd Street, New York City. The telephone at this address is also listed to the Committee for American Private Enterprise as well as Merwin K. Hart and Arthur F. Cosby. Colonel Arthur F. Cosby is described by one source as a "glorified office boy." There are employed in the offices of this organization a number of clerical employees and the concern is said to have approximately 17,000 contributors in New York State.

The council was originally formed with the idea of having members in all counties in New York. However, this plan did not materialize. Its purpose is to disseminate information on economic trends and situations to its contributors but as of February 1, 1939, it was stated to be devoting about 90% of its efforts to the distribution of propaganda on behalf of the Spanish Republican Government. The stated purposes of the council are set forth in one of its publications and are as follows:

1. To curb government spending.
2. To reduce oppressive taxes.
3. To oppose subversive groups.
4. To oppose stifling restriction of private enterprise.
5. To promote true recovery.

The officers of the council are listed in this folder as follows:

President: Merwin K. Hart, 17 East 42nd Street, New York City.

Treasurer: George De Graves, Vice President, Chase National Bank, New York City.

Chairman, Finance Committee: William Fellows Morgan, New York City.

Vice Presidents: Elon H. Hooker, President, Hooker Electrochemical Company, New York City.

Thomas M. Peters, New York City.

Alexander D. Falck, Chairman, Corning Glass Works, Elmira, New York.

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In February, 1939, a report from a source of unknown veracity alleged that the headquarters of the council was a meeting place for a group of people apparently interested in setting up a totalitarian form of Government in the United States. The motivating force in these activities appeared to be one John Eoghan Kelly. Others who were prominently interested in this group were stated to be Father Francis X. Talbot, Editor of the Jesuit publication "America"; Patrick Scanlon, editor of "The Tablet," a Brooklyn New York Catholic publication; Father Curran of the International Youth Society; Allen Zoll of the American Patriots; John B. Snow of the League for Constitutional Government, 18 East 48th Street, New York City; Miguel Echegaray of the Peninsular News Service; Frank Gannett, publisher, Bainbridge Colby; Cloy Gill; John Hinkle and others.

The council is strongly anti-Roosevelt and anti-Communist. No actual propaganda, however, is sent from its offices, but constant conferences and discussions reportedly occur. The propaganda allegedly distributed is done so through other agencies; for example, John B. Snow's League for Constitutional Government. The pamphlets are distributed in large numbers. It is further stated that materials are furnished to Father Charles Coughlin for his use through Patrick Scanlon. Very few of the above-named persons actually visit the offices of the New York State Economic Council, but are in constant contact with the office by telephone and otherwise.

Originally the council engaged in a fight against Communism but eventually became involved in a fight to support the Republican Government and General Franco in Spain. Consideration had been given by the inner circle of the above group to setting up an independent union movement to combat the CIO and other unions they termed radical in the United States.

It was further stated that the general contributors to the New York State Economic Council were in no way aware of the activities of its executives and their associates, and apparently believed the council to be adhering to its original aims and purposes as set out hereinbefore.

The financial status of the council apparently is good since its income in 1937 totaled $54,953.78 of which $53,311.70 consisted of receipts from the New York State Economic Council and the remainder from other sources. In 1938 the receipts from the council slumped to $36,217.62 and other sources contributed $4,007.18.

With further reference to Hart it is stated that he is General Manager of the Cream of Wheat Corporation and originally maintained his home in Utica, New York. The opinion is expressed that Hart is a sincere and fiery patriot who honestly believes the country is in danger from a "red menace."

Hart has written a book entitled "America - Look at Spain," which was reportedly partially edited by the Catholic clergy. He has visited Spain, Germany, and Italy for the purpose of studying conditions in those countries and has apparently taken an interest in political conditions.

With reference to his affiliates, the individuals hereinbefore mentioned, it may be noted that John E. Kelly who is an engineer by occupation resides at 14 Brinkerhoff Street, Jersey City, New Jersey, and in the 1937-38 roster of the Military Intelligence Reserve, was listed as a Captain. It was stated that he was later promoted to Major. Kelly is allegedly violent in his condemnation of the United States Government. He has apparently taken an interest in several alleged Fascist groups including the Constitutional Educational League, Incorporated, 15 West 44th Street, New York City.

Hart has been known to be contacted by Major General George VanHorn Moseley, and apparently some friendship exists between them. Hart was also in contact with Miguel Echegaray of the Peninsular News Service, which organization reportedly was the propaganda agency for Republican Spain. The Peninsular News Service issues a magazine entitled "Spain," in the English language, and

Miguel Echegaray is reportedly registered with the Department of State under the provisions of the McCormack Act as a propaganda agent for a foreign principal. Hart had an article in the October 15, 1938 issue of "Spain."

John Hinkle previously was reported to be employed by the New York Times and in the past has often met in the office of the New York State Economic Council with Hart and Kelly. Hart has also placed his stamp of approval upon the activities of Mrs. Elizabeth Dilling, the author of "The Red Network," and James True of James True Associates, who publishes "Industrial Control Reports."

Hart has also been interested in the American Union for Nationalist Spain, Room 417, 17 East 72nd Street, New York City, and has reportedly carried on extensive correspondence with the organization known as American Women Aganist Communism, Room 814, 52 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York City. All of these organizations are stated to be anti-Communist, and James True is known to have distributed violently anti-Semitic literature.

Reverend Francis X. Talbot, mentioned hereinbefore as the editor of the publication entitled "America," is listed as a member of the Board of Governors of the Emergency Council to Keep the United States out of Foreign War, 49 West 44th Street, New York City; and is said to have had some contact with John Eoghan Kelly pertaining to Hart's plan to visit Nationalist Spain.

In addition to the above known affiliates of Hart the allegation is made that he is in contact with other individuals and organizations who are Fascistic in ideal. Hart, in the past, has been accused by various elements in the United States of being a Fascist and the June 12, 1941 issue of P. M. newspaper, New York City, specifically mentioned Hart as being linked with Father Charles Coughlin and several businessmen in a pro-Fascist front.

This article mentions most of the individuals referred to hereinbefore and quotes excerpts from Hart's book on Spain. One of the selected excerpts set forth in P. M. read as follows:

"American states may heed the clear lesson of Spain and draw their own conclusions as to the consequences if they permit State or Federal statutes to curb their right to own and if need be to carry arms to protect themselves against the Communist mass."

It was further stated that Hart's broad definition of Communist was neatly stated in a letter circulated by the New York State Economic Council dated April 3, 1939, namely; "New Dealism is nothing but the American form of Communism," and further that Hart deplored widespread use of the word "democracy," blaming the prevalence of the term on the Communist International.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
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Respectfully,

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ADDENDUM:

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A blank memorandum summarizing the information in the Bureau's files concerning Merwin K. Hart is attached hereto.

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From
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
TO
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October 4, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TAMM

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In regard to the attached memorandum for the Attorney General relative to his inquiry of October 2 concerning [redacted] the proposed memorandum to the Attorney General is unsatisfactory. On Page 3 of the memorandum we state that certain information was furnished us on May 22, 1941, by Mr. Francis Pickens Miller. There is no identifying comment as to exactly who Mr. Miller is or where he came from or how he got into the picture. Certainly, if I don't know, I can't expect the Attorney General to know.

In the closing paragraph it is stated that based upon the information this Bureau has in its possession, no investigation of the matter was undertaken. I would like to know more about this. It would seem to me that from the information in our possession we either should have initiated an investigation, or at least submitted it to the Department for a ruling as to whether it should be initiated. As it appears now, we had in our possession all the information, and if the statement in the memorandum to the Attorney General is correct, we did nothing about it, not even submitting it to the Department for consideration as to whether we should or should not do anything with it.

Please straighten this matter out today, because I must reply to the Attorney General about it.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
MR. MATTHEW F. McGUIRE

Transmitted herewith is a copy of a memorandum bearing today's date, which I have prepared for the Attorney General, relative to information furnished by [redacted] in regard to Merwin K. Hart, President of the New York State Economic Council.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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cc Mr. E. A. Tamm
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JKM:BK October 7, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

Re: [illegible]; etal
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Pursuant to your instructions, I called the New York Field Office and instructed Mr. Emerich to immediately have prepared and submitted to the Bureau an explanation as to why the information furnished by Mr. Francis Pickens Miller, as received by him from [redacted] in this case, had not been furnished the Bureau and had not been acted upon. It had been initialed and merely placed in their files.

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Respectfully,

J. K. Mumford

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON

I called on Congressman Taber this morning and furnished him with a copy of the blind memorandum on Merwin K. Hart. He was very appreciative for this.

Respectfully,

L. B. Nichols

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PERSONAL ATTENTION

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Special Agent in Charge
New York, New York

RE: [redacted] b2 b7D
INTERNAL SECURITY (G)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated October 7, 1941, setting forth a series of circumstances in explanation for the failure of your office to take action or notify the Bureau of information received in the entitled matter.

As you will recall, the original information concerned Merwin K. Hart, President of the New York State Economic Council and was furnished your office on May 22, 1941 by Mr. Francis Pickens Miller, a member of the House of Delegates, Fairfax, Virginia. Mr. Miller had received his information from [redacted] a former informant of the Bureau.

I am extremely displeased with the handling of this matter by your office, and it is my desire that steps be taken to insure that a similar delinquency will not occur in the future. It is not clear from your reference letter whether the stenographic congestion referred to by you was in fact a delay in typing or a delay on the part of Special Agent [redacted] in dictating information received from Mr. Miller. It should be definitely pointed out to the Special Agents assigned to your office that it is incumbent upon them to dictate at an early date on information received by them of possible interest to Bureau investigations. Had a check of the indices of your office been made by the interviewing agent it is felt that he would have realized the importance of this information and would have seen that this delinquency did not occur.

An unreasonable delay in taking action upon information in the future by Special Agents assigned to your office will not be tolerated.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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October 28, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Re: MERWIN K. HART
President
New York State Economic Council

86-02 #963938 SPAMLT/Rw

Reference is made to the Attorney General's memorandum dated October 2, 1941, requesting information contained in the files of this Bureau regarding the above-captioned subject and referring to information submitted to the New York Office on May 22, 1941. At the time this request was received from the Attorney General no record of information furnished on May 22, 1941, was available. However, upon contacting the New York Office it was determined that Mr. Francis Pickens Miller, a member of the House of Delegates, Fairfax, Virginia, and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, New York City, furnished considerable information to an Agent of that office, which material had not been acted upon nor had it been forwarded to the Bureau.

A detailed explanation was requested of the New York Office in this regard, and that office has advised that the original delay in the submission of the memorandum by the Special Agent was occasioned through a stenographic congestion then existing. A further delay occurred in obtaining the files in the New York Office on the subject so that the appropriate action could be taken and the Bureau given full advice. It was pointed out that at the time an explanation of this matter was requested the original memorandum prepared by the Agent had not been filed and was still awaiting appropriate attention.

Since this matter arose, Assistant Director P. E. Foxworth has been placed in charge of the New York Office and with reference to the above delinquency he advised that appropriate precautions had been taken to prevent a similar error in the future.

Respectfully,

D. M. Ladd

I think letter should go forth to Foxworth so as to avoid a repetition.
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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : J. Edgar Hoover, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

DATE: Feb.12, 1948

FROM : T. Vincent Quinn, Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

TVQ:REF:NBL:vml

SUBJECT: Isidor Shaffer
3325 147th Street
Flushing, New York
Foreign Agents Registration Act.

146-7-51-519

Reference is made to your memorandum of January 28, 1948, to which is attached a copy of a letter from the subject. For your information in this matter I am enclosing a copy of the reply made to the subject.

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Mr. Isidor Shaffer
3325 147th Street
Flushing, New York

Dear Mr. Shaffer:

Since this Department now administers the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended, your letter of January 16, 1948 addressed to the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been referred to this Section for reply.

An examination of the records of the Foreign Agents Registration Section fails to reveal that Mr. Merwin K. Hart has ever filed a registration statement with this Department.

Sincerely yours,

William E. Foley, Acting Chief
Foreign Agents Registration Section.

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ENCLOSURE

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SAC, New York — March 29, 1948

Director, FBI

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The Bureau is in receipt of a communication from the [redacted] [redacted] a portion of which is quoted herewith: b2

"An Associated Press dispatch from Sevilla dated 16 February 1948, appearing in La Prensa on the same date, indicated that Professor Ignacio Maria Legendio of the University of Sevilla is en route to New York at the invitation of the National Economic Council.

"The National Economic Council, Inc., 350 Fifth Avenue, New York City, publishes the Economic Council Letter, No. 173 of which, dated 15 August 1947, was devoted exclusively to pro-Franco propaganda. This publication in turn, was widely quoted by the Spanish press and radio."

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[redacted] (S) However, naturally there is nothing in the Bureau files regarding the present activities and agenda of Professor [redacted] while he is in the United States.

The only information in the Bureau files believed to be identical with [redacted] is contained in letters from the Washington Field Office dated February 12, and April 8, 1944, captioned [redacted] - Espionage Activities, b7C

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Espionage - S," copies of which were designated for the New York Office.

b1 (S) [redacted] Accordingly, the Washington Field Office is instructed to promptly furnish the Bureau and New York any information from their files that would be of assistance in either locating Logendie or determining his present activities. The New York Office should through informants and other sources endeavor to determine if Logendie arrived in New York at the invitation of the National Economic Council. Any information relating to his activities, speeches, etc., should likewise be reported.

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cc-Washington.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Confidential Informants advised that [redacted] contacted Spanish Embassy and asked for BARAIBAR, Charge d'affaires. [redacted] on two trips ending March 20 and March 25, 1948 respectively, leaving no forwarding address on either occasion. Both men entertained at Spanish Embassy.

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REFERENCE: Bureau Letter dated March 29, 1948.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

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[redacted] He left no forwarding address on either occasion. [redacted] also advised that one [redacted] at the same time as [redacted], at which time his name was erroneously carried as [redacted] He remained there until [redacted] at the same time as [redacted]d registered in [redacted] and remained unti [redacted] giving his address on both occasions as [redacted] He also left no forwarding address on either occasion.

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THE NEW YORK CITY FIELD OFFICE

AT NEW YORK, NEW YORK

Will ascertain if [redacted] is presently registered at the Waldorf Hotel and will attempt to ascertain through informant and other sources whether [redacted] arrived in New York at the invitation of the National Economic Council. Will also ascertain the nature of his activities, speeches, etc. b7C

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Date: March 29, 1948

To: [redacted]

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

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Attention: Reading Center

From: John Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: MERWIN KIMBALL HART, wa,
Mervin Kimball Hart
National Economic Council, Inc.
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

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Reference is made to your communication of March 17, 1948, your reference [illegible] wherein you informed that [redacted] was en route to New York City at the invitation of the National Economic Council.

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Biographical information, the accuracy of which is unknown, reflects that Merwin Kimball Hart was born on June 21, 1881, at Utica, New York. He graduated from Harvard in 1904, receiving an A. B. degree. In 1906 he was elected for a two year term to the General Assembly of the State of New York. Hart, by this time, was married to Catherine Margaret Grouse of Utica. He was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1911 and became a member of the law firm Hart and Senior. In 1914 Hart and several prominent businessmen in Utica organized the Utica Mutual Insurance Company. A few years later when the United States entered the war, Hart, although possessing defective eyesight, enlisted in the Army and when released in 1918 he had attained the rank of Captain in a

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non-combatant unit. After the war Hart devoted several years attempting to place the Hart and Crouse Company in Utica on a sound financial basis. This firm, which manufactures furnaces and heating equipment, was founded by Hart's father and Hart's wife's father. The firm is presently owned by other persons. Following this, Hart became active in numerous movements to reduce expenditures in the State government of New York. Subsequently in about 1932 he organized the New York State Economic Council, now known as the National Economic Council, Inc., with offices in New York City and Utica, New York. His annual salary from the inception thereof was reported to be $10,000. The organization was originally financed by manufacturing and financial concerns located in the State of New York.

Hart was described by an old acquaintance as having come from one of the old established families in Utica, was a brilliant and well educated man, was thoroughly patriotic and loyal, had taken part in numerous business enterprises, and was one time a member of one of the leading law firms in Utica. In this latter connection this informant stated it was not known whether Hart went to law school or that he ever appeared in court as a lawyer.

Another source stated Hart was very influential and respected in his own community, but had few intimate friends. He said Hart was known as the type who knew "everybody that counted" and acted in a formal and aloof manner. His personal unpopularity in Utica was attributed in part to the fact that he was too outspoken, tactless, bull-headed, and possessing a peculiar type of personality.

Hart was described as believing in the capitalistic system and particularly opposed to Communism and the New Deal Administration. It was said that the citizens of Utica generally considered him sincere and 100% American in spite of his unfavorable publicity. Some people, it was claimed who did not know him, might think him to be opposed to the country's war aims at that time.

Information of a current nature regarding the National Economic Council, Inc., is not known. From various sources in the past it was described as being an organization of about 17,000 members drawn from throughout the State of New York. Its headquarters were said to have been located at 17 East 42nd Street, New York City, with a branch office at Utica. A folder distributed by the Council in 1940 described as the Council's purposes: 1. To curb government spending; 2. To reduce oppressive tactics; 3. To oppose subversive groups; 4. To oppose stifling restrictions of private enterprises, and 5. To promote

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true recovery. The officers of the Council as listed in the folder are as follows: President - Merwin K. Hart; Treasurer - George D. Graves; Vice - President - Chase National Bank, New York City; Chairman of the Finance Committee - William Fellows Morgan, New York City; Vice-Presidents - Elon Hooker - President Hooker Electrochemical Company, New York City; Thomas N. Peters, New York City; Alexander D. Falck, Chairman, Corning Glass Works, Elmira, New York.

A confidential source advised that early in 1940 the headquarters of the Council seemed to be a meeting place for groups of people who were apparently interested in setting up a totalitarian form of government. This organization was also said to furnish material to Reverend Charles Coughlin for his use. Starting in late 1939 it was reported that the Council devoted about 90% of its efforts to the distribution of propaganda on behalf of the Spanish Republican Government.

The answer to question "d." is not known to this Bureau. Accordingly, appropriate inquiry is being instituted in an effort to ascertain the desired information. Upon receipt of the results of this inquiry I shall promptly advise you.

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In reply refer
to C D No. 3741.1

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Attention: Liaison Officer, CIA

Dear Sir:

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In reply refer
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In transmitting the response to this request, please address same to:

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making reference to CD No. 3741.1.

Your cooperation in this matter is very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

R. H. WISE
Colonel, A.C.
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MERWIN KIMBALL HART, was			INTERNAL SECURITY - X

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Mr. J. A. FINCH, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, D. C., first met LOGENDIO in 1944 when LOGENDIO was brought over by Carnegie Endowment to make lecture tour in United States. Mr. FINCH again met LOGENDIO a week or two ago when LOGENDIO said he came over to act as interpreter for a Spanish banker. LOGENDIO made inquiries of Mr. FINCH as to possibilities of another lecture tour which Mr. FINCH says Carnegie Endowment will not sponsor because of discontinuance of such program by Carnegie. Mr. FINCH considers LOGENDIO a high class man of integrity, interested only in promoting closer cultural relations between Spanish and American Universities.

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cc to DR KW 11-2-48

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REFERENCE: New York teletype dated April 10, 1948.

DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

On April 12, 1948, Mr. JAMES A. FINCH, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, 700 Jackson Place, N. W., Washington, D. C., stated that he first met IGNACIO LOGENDIO in 1944 when Carnegie Endowment for International Peace sponsored LOGENDIO on a lecture tour concerning which arrangements were made by Dr. NICHOLAS MURRAY BUTLER and U. S. Ambassador to Spain, Mr. HAYES. Carnegie paid the sum of $500 as expenses to LOGENDIO on this trip. He recalled that LOGENDIO at that time lived at Catholic University in Washington where he delivered several lectures and he also delivered lectures at Lafayette College, Eastern Pennsylvania; Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Holy Cross College, Worcester, Massachusetts; Brown

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University, Providence, Rhode Island; the University of Michigan and possibly other universities.

Mr. FINCH advised that LOGENDIO'S lectures at that time included the following subjects: "Growth and Development of the Idea of Liberty During the Colonial Era"; "Foundation of Civil Society"; "The German Theory of Vital Spaces and the Monroe Doctrine;" "The Conception of a Just War"; "The Movement of Culture"; and "The Mission of Spain and the Future Equilibrium of the World".

Mr. FINCH said that LOGENDIO proved to be a very popular and successful lecturer. He spoke good English and possessed a very charming and delightful personality. He quoted from a letter written by Dr. BROWN of the University of Michigan, who praised LOGENDIO very highly in connection with a lecture which LOGENDIO had delivered at that University entitled "The Crisis of European Liberalism".

Mr. FINCH said that a week or two ago LOGENDIO again called on him, stating that he was in this country as an interpreter for a Spanish banker, whose name Mr. FINCH was unable to recall. LOGENDIO said that he was going back to Spain as soon as this particular banking business had been terminated and he also made some reference to sickness in his family in Spain. Mr. FINCH said that LOGENDIO came to see him because he wanted to know about the possibility of Carnegie Endowment sponsoring him on another lecture tour to the United States. He also disclosed to Mr. FINCH that he intends to marry an English woman and wants to come to the United States on his honeymoon. Mr. FINCH said that inasmuch as Carnegie Endowment has discontinued the sponsoring of foreign lecturers, he told Professor LOGENDIO that Carnegie would be unable to do this, but he did offer to write letters to several universities, including one to Dr. BROWN at the University of Michigan, concerning LOGENDIO'S proposition. Mr. FINCH said that if Carnegie Endowment had not changed its policy LOGENDIO would be one of the first they would want to consider. Mr. FINCH said that he considers LOGENDIO to be an honorable man of excellent character, integrity, and as one who has no political axes to grind. He said that he has gathered the definite impression that LOGENDIO is interested primarily in his profession as a teacher and that he is sincerely interested in trying to promote closer cultural relations between Spanish and American universities. He is also trying to establish a cultural exchange of students between Spain and the United States.

Mr. FINCH had in his possession a slip of paper which had been prepared by LOGENDIO in his own handwriting giving a brief background of

himself. This was written on stationery of the University Club, 1 West 56th Street, New York City, where LOGENDIO said he stayed while in New York City. This reflected that LOGENDIO is head of the Department of Political Science and Public Law at the University of Spain, that he is a Professor in the school of Hispano-American Studies, Seville, Spain, and the University of Rabloda (summer university), and he is also a member of the Council of Scientific Research. He was born in San Sebastian, Spain on April 16, 1914, and has received degrees from the University of Vallavolid, Spain, the University of Paris, University of Madrid and Oxford University. It reflected that he has lectured in Spain, France, England, Ireland, Austria, Hungary, Portugal and the United States. In addition to the colleges previously mentioned by Mr. FINCH, this paper reflected that he had also lectured at the University of Denver, University of California, Berkeley, Stanford University, Los Angeles University and Dayton University.

This paper reflected that he is the author of "El Derecho de Revolucion", published in Madrid in 1940; "Rejisnen Politico del Estado Espanol", published in Barcelona in 1942; and "Politico Exterior de los Estados Union de America", published in Madrid in 1945. It also indicates that he is a member of the Aristobelian Society, the Newman Society and the Sociedad Urconjado de Amijos del Pais.

Mr. FINCH said that he possessed no knowledge concerning any correspondence that he had had with the International Economic Council concerning LOGENDIO and that he believed that any correspondence which Carnegie Endowment had with that Council would probably have been carried on by the New York Office of the Carnegie Endowment.

Mr. FINCH has also furnished this office with a copy of a statement prepared by LOGENDIO concerning his plan for developing closer cultural ties between the United States and Spain. This is being transmitted to the Bureau.

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TITLE	CHARACTER OF CASE
MERWIN KIMBALL HART, was	INTERNAL SECURITY - X

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

A.R. File #7754632 reflects LOJENDIO entered U.S. as visitor on 2/28/44 via Plane NC18606 at NYC. He was destined to Columbia University, NYC, and intended to lecture at several universities. This visit made under auspices Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He petitioned State Department 7/21/44 for permission to leave U.S. and return to his post as Professor of Political Science and Public Law at University of Seville in Spain. Departed U.S. 9/5/44 via Plane NC18612 from NYC. No record located of LOJENDIO's entry and departure in 1948.

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REFERENCE: Teletype from New York dated 4/10/48.

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cc to DR ... 11-2-48

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DETAILS: The following investigation was conducted by Special Employee WILLIAM P. HOLLOWAY.

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PH File #100-5876

Mrs. HARRIET E. DAYTON, Information Clerk, Central Office, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, advised that no record was located under the exact name set forth in reference teletype - IGNACIO MARIA LOGENDIO.

However, she furnished A.R. File #7754632 on IGNACIO MARIA DE LOJENDIO - also known as IGNACIO MARIA DE LOJENDIO E IRURE - believed to be identical with this individual, which reflected that he was born on April 16, 1914, at San Sebastian, Spain; was a citizen of Spain; and attended Oxford University from 1935 to 1936. From 1936 to 1944, he was Professor of Political Science and Public Law at the University of Seville at Seville, Spain. On February 28, 1944, he entered the United States at La Guardia Field, New York City, via Plane NC18606, as a visitor. His purpose in coming to the United States was to lecture at several universities; and he was destined at the time of entry to Columbia University, New York City. His visit was scheduled on the invitation and under the auspices of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

On July 21, 1944, LOJENDIO filed a petition with the State Department, Washington, D. C., asking permission to leave the United States and to return to his post as Professor at the University of Seville in Spain. At this time, LOJENDIO gave his address as - care of the Carnegie Endowment, 405 West 117th Street, New York City; and listed as personal references - Dr. NICHOLAS M. BUTLER, President of Columbia University, and Mrs. PERRY W. GEORGE, Division of European Affairs, State Department, Washington, D. C.

On September 15, 1944, the District Director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at New York City advised the Central Office that LOJENDIO had departed from this country on September 5, 1944, via Plane NC18612, leaving from New York City.

Mrs. DAYTON advised that a further search of the indices failed to reflect a record of LOJENDIO's entry and departure in 1948. She pointed out, however, that records of visitors' entries in

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1948 have not yet been classified and indexed, and that such records are now in transit to Washington, D. C., where the Central Office will be located in the immediate future. These records will be available for review at the Central Office, Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, D. C., on April 19, 1948, or shortly thereafter.

The entry record can be located at present, however, at the local office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service covering the port where entry was made if that port is known.

No action should be taken in this matter by the Washington Field Office pending receipt of instructions from the office of origin.

IGNACIO MARIA DE LOJENDIO is described as follows:

Age	33 (b. 4/16/14; San Sebastian, Spain)
Sex	Male
Race	White
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Height	5'10"
Weight	187#
Marital Status	Single
Occupation	Professor of Political Science and Public Law
Citizenship	Spain

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Attention: Colonel Donald H. Galloway

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From: John Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: MERVIN KIMBALL HART, was
Mervin Kimball Hart
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Reference is made to my memorandum dated March 29, 1948, regarding the above captioned matter.

There is being transmitted herewith for your information one copy of the report of Special Agent [redacted] entitled Mervin Kimball Hart, was, Internal Security - X, dated April 5, 1948, at Washington, D. C.

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The New York Office of this Bureau has advised that the records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service at New York reflect that [redacted]

[redacted] of the Carnegie Endowment of International Peace, New York City, advised that [redacted] received an endowment and visited numerous universities in 1944. [redacted] informed that she ascertained that Logendio was in the United States for over two months in 1948 and left by plane April 2, 1948, due to the death of a relative. According to [redacted] her files reflect that [redacted] of the Carnegie Endowment of International Peace, 700 Jackson Place, Washington, D. C., had some correspondence with the National Economic Council relative to [redacted] An effort will be made to interview Mr. Finch in Washington, D. C. and you will be advised of results of this interview.

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Dear Mr. Tyler:

Your letter dated June 23, 1948, with enclosure, has been received and I want to thank you for making this material available to me. In view of your comments concerning the pamphlet which you enclosed, the thought occurred that you might enjoy reading the enclosed literature.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

Red Fascism
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To the FBI
Washington, DC

Dear Sirs,

Have received the enclosed in my mail. The outfit is probably known to you, but I thought you'd better have a look at it anyway.

I am a State Department employee, and on vacation. Will be back about July 15. My mail is forwarded to me at Duxbury, Mass. where I am staying.

I am impressed by the quality of the propaganda from a professional point of view, having been in Psychological Warfare overseas during the war.

Very truly yours

William Royall Tyler

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"United Nations"!

WHEN angels hovered over Bethlehem they sang of peace on earth. Mankind has long yearned for the day when the nations ". . . shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks:" and when "nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

There is no disagreement among civilized men about this ideal. No intelligent person prefers turmoil and destruction to tranquility and the chance for men to devote themselves to the arts of peace.

Nevertheless, the goal is one thing and the various means to attain it are something else. Many a cause is wrecked because men attempt to promote it by defective methods—by ill-considered, makeshift means, not grounded in an understanding of realities.

This does not mean that good causes are always wrecked by the machinations of bad men. Good causes are more often wrecked by good men—men who sincerely love an ideal but who choose methods which, in the end, render certain the failure to reach the goal they seek. *Incompetence has produced more human tragedy on earth than has malice.*

As a matter of fact, all *peoples* want peace. *It is* ambitious politicians, with an eye on some personal or party gain, or cowardly politicians who sacrifice principle for expediency, who involve peoples in war. Then, with control of propaganda sources, they use slogans and music and medals and ribbons to make the war seem righteous and necessary.

When good men with a good cause, but with unsound plans, meet opposition, something psychological happens. *Knowing their aim is noble, they begin to* ascribe the same nobility to their *schemes*. Those who agree with the aim, but who lack confidence in the proposed means, are accused of being against the aim.

"You believe in world peace, don't you?" cried the advocates of the League of Nations after World War I. "Then of course you are for the League!" Or, in reverse language they said: "So you are against the League? Then you don't want a warless world!"

Of course this is nonsense. But today it is happening all over again: "So you are against the United Nations? *Then you don't believe in world peace.*"

But we all desire a world without war, a world in which nations deal justly with each other, a world in which the rights of each individual are respected as they are not respected over most of the earth today. *And because we seek such a world, we are against the so-called United Nations.*

UN a Gigantic Fraud

For, in spite of all the propaganda, and the tons of paper and ink devoted to making black appear white, the fact remains and is growing clearer every day that the "United Nations" is a fraud. It is neither an avenue toward international amity and cooperation nor an instrument for peace. *It is a mechanism for fastening* upon the world an international collectivism which, if it prevails, will destroy human freedom. More than anything else, it will destroy our priceless American liberty. And, in the process, in the quest for world-uniformity at the expense of individual and national freedom, it will plunge us into another cycle of wars.

From the beginning, United Nations has been a fraud upon people of good will. Its dishonesty is implicit in its very conception—is written into its "Charter"—appears constantly in its acts. Yet of these *things the American people have been told little or* nothing. Each moral defect of UN has been "sold" to our people as a moral virtue; each betrayal of principle as a maintenance of principle; each shackle for freedom as an aid to freedom; each retreat as an advance; each defeat as "a famous victory."

The fraud began with the very conception of UN. Long-suffering mankind was assured it was an association of "peace-loving" nations to promote world justice and peace. Instead, it was an alliance of victors held together only by the circumstance of temporary advantage, which *from the beginning* was planned by two diverse forces within that alliance to be an instrument of private advantage.

The ballyhooed San Francisco "conference" at which the Charter was framed was one long assay in hypocrisy, chicanery and intrigue. To make matters worse, the representatives of the United States with naïve sincerity and monumental incompetence entered the world poker-game with the Soviet Union with all the money on our side of the table, and holding cards that should have been unbeatable. When the game ended, the money was all piled on the other side of the table, and the American representatives were shivering in the early-morning air, *minus* their very shirts. Stalin's boys had won the game and got just the kind

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of "United Nations" the USSR wanted. They have continued their winning habits in UN ever since, getting out of it exactly what they have wanted.

Deception by Smooth Words

The "Charter" of UN contains the evidence of its basic and thoroughgoing dishonesty. The preamble asserts:

> "We the peoples of the United Nations, determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war . . . to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights . . . to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another . . . have resolved to combine our efforts to accomplish these ends."

These words did not truthfully describe either the actual situation or the intentions of the parties. United Nations is not now, and has at no time been, an association of "peoples." No person on earth is a "citizen of UN." It was not, as was the Constitution of the United States, framed by delegates who represented *people*, and who reserved basic rights to the *people*. *It was framed by an association of governments*. And the question of whether those governments represented their people was not once even so much as suggested: for that might have been embarrassing to Marshal Stalin, head of the most ruthless dictatorship in history.

Just what this means is well-stated by Dr. Felix Morley in *Human Events* for May 12, 1948:

> "History records no assumption more shameless than the UN pretense that the Communist tyranny in Moscow speaks for the oppressed people of Russia, and that it is the purpose of this tyranny 'to reaffirm fundamental faith in human rights.' An international organization based on such dishonesty was bound to fail."

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From the beginning of UN, its architects were confronted with a dilemma. What was this body really to be? Were its members to give up part of their sovereignty? Was UN to be the beginning of real world government? Or, was it to be without binding authority over its members? In order really to "work," it would have to be one or the other.

The methods and principles of a voluntary association, without binding authority over its members, must in the nature of the case be radically different from those of an organization possessing actual authority.

The architects of UN "solved" this dilemma by the expedient of pretending it wasn't there. Their Charter as adopted contains some reservations of national sovereignty, some surrender of national sovereignty, and a great deal of fuzzy language that may upon occasion be interpreted either way. The "great powers" (the U.S.A., USSR, Britain, France and China) were given permanent seats in the "Security Council," with the right of veto over all matters not merely procedural.

The UN Spider-web

But the UN Charter is only part of the scheme of the world planners. Although disappointed at the incomplete surrender of national sovereignty to UN, they were not discouraged. They had foreseen just this, and were prepared for it. They arranged for the setup established by the UN Charter to be only a nucleus, surrounded like the center of a spider-web by a whole complex of related organizations. Each of these groups bears a high-sounding humanitarian name, and a correspondingly impressive payroll, and each has a portion of the task of enmeshing the life of the whole world into a totalitarian, collectivist unity. Each plays its part in tapping the wealth of the U.S.A. and redistributing it throughout the earth.

These groups are certain commissions: Fiscal, Population, Statistical, Human Rights, Social, Economic and Employment, Transport and Communications, Narcotic Drugs, and Status of Women. They include Special Agencies: namely, World Health Organization (WHO), International Refugee Organization (IRO), International Trade Organization (ITO), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, International Monetary Fund, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and International Labor Organization (ILO). These are all additional to the General Assembly, Security Council, International Court of Justice, Economic and Social Council, Trusteeship Council, Atomic Energy Commission, Military Staff Committee and the UN Secretariat.

Some of the agencies have already gone a considerable distance toward fulfilling their part in the creation of a collectivist world. Others have done comparatively little. An example of the first is the ITO, whose charter if adopted—ironically in the name of "free trade"—will go far to fasten the Socialist pattern on the world. An example of agencies that have done little is the Atomic Energy Commission which has suspended active operations because it does not suit the interests of the Soviet Union to cooperate with it.

What the USSR Wants

It has been the proclaimed policy of the United States since 1945 that our foreign relations shall be coordinated with United Nations concepts and policies. Nothing on earth could be more welcome to the Soviet Union. For the inherent contradiction in the makeup of UN guarantees that any U. S. foreign policy geared to it will be contradictory, stumbling and futile. That is what the USSR wants—hesitation, indecision, fumbling upon our part, while the masters of the Kremlin know exactly where they want to go and keep on going there.

Meanwhile Moscow has made full use of Russian membership in UN as a sounding board for Soviet propaganda. So far as the collectivist activities of the other agencies are concerned, they also delight the chiefs of the Politburo, who know very well that Socialism is a big step toward Communism. And if the non-Soviet part of the world becomes Socialist, which we Americans through the Marshall Plan are paying our dollars to bring about, the task of isolating and bankrupting and destroying the last stronghold of economic liberty—the U.S.A.—will be rendered that much easier and simpler.

The futility of UN as an instrument of American foreign policy is daily becoming plainer. So far as atomic energy is concerned, UN has been and will be powerless to bring about any agreement which includes Russia. A further failure, which has been hushed by official circles, is the inability of UN to create its international "security force."

The Palestine Mess

But the most conspicuous failure of UN has been Palestine. If the antics of UN and our own State Department did not involve tragedy for so many people, they would be subjects for satire and mirth. UN failure in Palestine conclusively proves that the inherent contradictions in the UN Charter between the voluntary association principle and the world government principle must of necessity paralyze it when confronted with major decisions. It shows, too, that futilely fooling around with explosive issues does not promote peace but leads to war.

The wavering of the Administration between trying to find a Palestine policy which would be American, and one that would conserve the "Jewish vote" for the Democratic Party in 1948, has made it the laughing-stock of the world. It has made no friends for the U. S. but has created enemies. And when Zionist aggressions in Palestine have been made to appear as "defense of the homeland" while Arab attempts to defend the land in which they have lived for thirteen centuries are called "aggression," the "moral authority" of UN has sunk to a new low.

As we predicted in previous Letters on Palestine, the *recommendation* for Partition—which Zionists miscall a "decision"—was stoutly resisted by the Arab world. Though Partition was forced *on* UN by the United States, public and private protests in Washington compelled the U. S. to reverse its support of Partition. Then the U. S. backed and filled. A special session of the UN Assembly was called—but did nothing.

When the British mandate in Palestine was about to end, Palestine Zionists on the 14th of May proclaimed the new "state of Israel." At one minute after midnight of that day (Palestine time) President Truman announced "de facto" recognition of the new "state." It has been reported publicly (and not to our knowledge denied) that Mr. Truman asked the new "state" to request recognition, which it had not expected to get. Something better than rumor has it that Mr. Truman extended recognition without consultation with the Department of State. By a coincidence, in the days following, Democratic politicians in New York City announced that Mr. Truman was *now* acceptable to them!

The President also neglected to inform the United States delegation in the assembly of UN of his intention. The first news the delegation had was when they read it on the news-ticker. In the session of Saturday, April 15th, our observer noted that Senator Austin, leader of the U. S. delegation, sat through the three hours of debate with pursed lips, and never once spoke. During this debate nation after nation took contemptuous cracks at the U.S.A. for having gone over the head of UN. The Assembly adjourned in weary disgust.

U.N. was failing, because so grandiose, visionary a scheme could not possibly work.

No American interest is involved in Palestine. *It is purely a Zionist scheme to take by force what belongs to someone else and enhance their own prestige.* If non-Zionist Jews have any regard for their own future as Americans, they should speak up and dissociate themselves from political Zionism. It would be tragic if they too should fall into the pit the Zionists are digging for themselves. If they do not so dissociate themselves, a tragic wave of resentment against all Jews may sweep this country. Already there are signs it has begun. Should the great majority of American Jews, loyal to only one country and one flag, by their silence allow the American people to believe that all Jews are Zionists, it would be a disaster for all Jews.

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What Should America Do?

In the light of all these facts, what should be the American attitude toward this UN with its threat of friction and war?

It has been suggested that UN needs "strengthening." But according to its advocates, strengthening would mean converting UN into a real world government.

The means they suggest is to abolish the veto.

The use of the veto by the USSR has irritated and embarrassed those pseudo-liberals who like to think of UN in terms of *Authority*. But in its use of the veto, *the USSR is violating neither the letter nor the spirit* of the Charter. Because our visionaries failed to think through what the veto would mean, why criticize the USSR?

But do *we Americans* want world government, with authority to compel obedience over every nation including the United States? *For that is what "strengthening UN"* by abolishing the veto means. It means the surrender of American sovereignty to a world government. Do Americans want to hand over their fate to be decided by other nations, all of which together *fail* in many ways to equal the power and resources of the U. S.? *We think the answer is a decided NO.*

Those who heard the debate over Palestine, and listened to Iceland, Guatemala, Liberia, Byelo-Russia, the Philippines and other small nations voting on the future of the Middle East, would hardly sleep nights if they thought that some day the fate of the people of the United States might be decided by the same procedures. We had better be clear-headed in thinking about this veto business. As a matter of fact, if we Americans want to keep our way of life and our liberty, *we should be the last nation on earth to consent to abolishing the veto.* It would be our only salvation.

All this might not be so deadly serious if the world situation were not what it is. But America now stands in the greatest peril that ever menaced the Republic. Half the world—the Soviet world—has vowed to destroy us and is making thorough preparations to do so. In the non-Soviet half of the world we are the leading power. But our military power has dropped below the safety line. We are infiltrated with Soviet spies. We are still amiably attempting, by the squandering of our resources, to buy friends and allies throughout the world, against the day when arms may decide the future of mankind.

On the international scene we are surrounded by eager nations who like Uncle Sam as long as his bankroll is available. But once let that bankroll fail, or let us be engaged in a fight for life against the gangsters who have sworn to get us, and we shall find how much good will we have bought with our billions. If the final battle comes, we predict that America will be as nude of allies as a Canadian maple is nude of leaves

in a January gale. Then, America will be isolationist not from choice but from necessity, because our potential allies will suddenly find that they have business elsewhere. If we reproach them, they will urbanely place the blame on us by saying, "But my dear fellow, you really didn't help us *enough*, you know, to enable us to be any real help to you!"

In a speech, May 6th, Secretary of State George C. Marshall approached the subject from a different angle. In so doing he revealed, after all that has happened, an astounding state of mind. He told the House Committee:

> "A fundamental task of the United Nations and of our foreign policy is to dispel the misconceptions of the Soviet leaders. . . ."

What further evidence is needed that General Marshall should be retired from the State Department forthwith? Anyone with the wealth of information at his disposal, who could for one moment believe that the Soviet leaders are merely suffering from "misconceptions" about Western civilization, is hopeless. The Soviet leaders are realists who know all they need to know about Western civilization, and who are delighted that General Marshall so completely underestimates them. It is true that much of their *propaganda* contains crude lies about America, but General Marshall should remember that this is addressed, not to themselves, but to the sort of people they think will believe it.

But the idea that our foreign policy is in the hands of a man who labors under the colossal delusion that the Soviet leaders merely don't understand us, and that it is our duty to explain ourselves to them, ought to arouse every hearer like a firebell in the night.

In the same speech, General Marshall plugged for "widespread improvement of the material and social well-being of the peoples of the world" as the way to achieve "a world order based on law and dedicated to peace and progress." He also opposed abolition of the veto in UN on the ground that it would destroy UN and result in the formation of "rival military alliances!" *Not one line of his address indicated that General Marshall has the remotest conception of the actual world situation or the real intentions of the Soviet Union.*

The Remedy

We have our remedy for the UN problem. Let it die. It has proved it can do no good, and almost as surely that it is capable of infinite harm. It can bring irremediable disaster to the one last, best hope of earth: the United States of America. It cannot serve the cause of world peace, and nobody who wishes for world peace can safely support it another day.

The nations of this world, if they are resolved to deal fairly with each other, need no international super-government to compel them. If they are not so resolved, they will inevitably come into conflict, and the existence of UN either as it is or as it might be "strengthened" will increase rather than lessen the likelihood of wars.

As we go to press the Zionists are crowding President Truman to lift the embargo on arms for the paper "State of Israel." The Russian-born Chaim Weizmann, "President" of Israel, is urging Truman to grant a loan of 90 millions of our taxpayers' money. Soon we may be sending American troops to back up the plans of the Mongolian Khazars. We will have irretrievably alienated 100 million Arabs—300 million Moslems, thus scrapping the good will built up by the American colleges, American business and American diplomacy in the Arab world. The fires of World War III may already have been kindled.

All to get the Jewish vote next fall in New York, Chicago and Hollywood!

And all this started with United Nations. Indeed, it becomes increasingly clear that these un-American elements were the real architects of UN and its mischievous alphabetical agencies. They are back of the attempted socialization of American industry, of the illegal immigration of perhaps a million of European and Asiatic undesirables, of FEPC, and other vicious bureaucratic controls.

These elements are attempting to bring all American life under absolute domination. They are the only enemy America need fear. They are the only threat to peace.

Merwin K. Hart

President,

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There Is No Peace

On the morning of October 14th the courtroom of Federal Judge Harold R. Medina grew silent as the Clerk put three words to a foreman of a jury.

"How say you?"

"We find each and every one of the defendants guilty."

By wire and through the air the news sped across America, across the world. Within minutes millions of Americans knew the "Communist trial" in New York was over.

Then came a wave of emotion. **AMERICANS,** at home, at work, felt a lifting of spirit, a pride that the great Republic had at last asserted its lawful right of self-preservation. Everywhere there was thankfulness. At long last the law had caught up with Communists who were conspiring to destroy free America. **UN**-Americans everywhere were in a welter of despond.

Few of those who rejoiced had ever known or even seen the defendants. The American people did not hate these men as individuals. But they did hate what they had been doing. The verdict reached down into the deep, unconscious faith of every man that this is a country of law, that justice demands punishment of the guilty. To destroy America, "the last, best hope of mankind," would be an evil thing, enslaving all Americans.

The American people owe a debt to the jury of representative Americans who through more than nine months had listened to five million words of evidence. They are grateful to Judge Medina for his firmness, courage, patience and restraint, as well as for the justice meted out at the end to those lawyers who had tried to make a mockery of the law and of the court. And to the prosecutors who well and ably did their duty.

What Was on Trial?

It has been said that not the Communist Party, but only the eleven defendants, were on trial. This is true only in a narrow, technical sense. The Communist Party as such was not under indictment. But acts of conspiracy against the United States, done, as the jury correctly concluded, with the purpose of destroying the Republic, were done by officers of the Communist Party, at the direction of those who control that Party, and with the clear purpose of establishing a revolutionary dictatorship by that Party upon the ruins of constitutional government. The acts of conspiracy were inseparable from the acts of the Communist Party of the U. S. A.

Thus, while it may be strictly true that the Communist Party has not been "outlawed," it is profoundly true that the leadership of the Communist Party has been convicted for conspiring against the United States in their official acts and functions as officers of that Party. The proof of criminal conspiracy by the eleven defendants cannot be severed from the proof that the Communist Party is itself a criminal conspiracy. The doctrines of the Party were put in evidence to show precisely the intentions of the accused. The jury rightly decided that when those intentions were joined to overt acts, performed on behalf of the Party, the combination was subversive and criminal. Proof of the case against the eleven automatically involved proof of the case against the Party.

Communist seizure of the United States would be like what happened in the "Iron Curtain" countries. As in Czechoslovakia, Red-led labor unions would most likely be the instrument of seizure. The Constitution, with its legislative and judicial bodies, would be wiped out. The Bill of Rights would go out of the window. Private property and private enterprise would cease to exist. Possibly five million **UN**-Americans—Communist Socialist stooges—would enjoy the "more abundant life"—abundant in things of the flesh, barren of fruits of the spirit. A hundred and forty-five million **AMERICANS** would literally be slaves. Not slaves of the kind we had in the South till 1861, where a certain benevolence often reigned, but slaves under masters who know how to hate.

But just because the jury's verdict was "guilty," the American people should not think the battle against those who would destroy our freedom is over—or anywhere near over. If they should draw this easy con-

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clusion, the victory in Judge Medina's court might prove a disaster rather than a blessing.

The battle is not over. The Communist Party will carry this case to the Supreme Court, meanwhile doing its best to confuse and muddy the issues in the public mind. And in this they have powerful allies—allies who proclaim loudly and piously that they are not Communist, that they "abhor Communism!", for example, the "American Civil Liberties Union," with its long record of defending Communists and echoing the Communist Party line in calling the trial an effort to establish "thought-control."

Of course, the trial was nothing of the sort. These defendants were not branded as criminals merely for what they thought or wrote. They stand convicted because they entered into a conspiracy to destroy the United States and because in furtherance of that purpose they performed certain overt acts.

The conspiracy, as any conspiracy must, involved successive steps. The first steps were calculated to set the stage for the destruction of the Republic. Other steps, including the actual overthrow of the Government by force and violence, depended upon the first steps having first been successfully accomplished. The first steps, therefore, were as much a part of the total process as the culminating steps would have been when the time came to take them. The design was a unity, well planned from first to last, and shot through at every stage with criminal, treasonable intent.

The defendants and their stooges whine they are being persecuted for mere *advocacy* of "social change," not for overt acts. This is false. They were convicted for conspiracy to overthrow the existing Government of the United States by force and violence. Their overt acts cannot be considered apart from their total design. To meet, to organize, to plan together how and when force shall be used, to gather recruits, to infiltrate key labor unions (such as electrical workers and longshoremen) against the day of rebellion—these and thousands of other such acts are *overt* acts.

To argue that criminal plans, followed by definite steps to bring them to fruition, cannot be punished or stopped until the last, culminating step has been begun is plain silly. Those who so argue imagine that the only overt act must be the *final* act. If this were true, you could never catch up with these conspirators until their conspiracy had succeeded. Which is just what the conspirators want.

The whole Communist conspiracy has been overt, even if many things, not obviously criminal, have been done by fellow-travelers to further it. It is difficult to imagine how much more clearly or openly the determination of the Party to destroy the Republic and set up a Soviet Government here could be stated than it has been stated by Communists for years through the press, in speeches and in books and pamphlets. Like Hitler, the Communists have said exactly what they intend to do.

But if a burst of thanks to God at the verdict welled up in the hearts of millions of Americans who love their country, that verdict brought no joy to the Communists, including the Communist cells in our Government where Whittaker Chambers and Alger Hiss once worked together.

The Communists in Government have few illusions. Utterly ruthless, they despise the witless dupes who can be persuaded that suppression of their conspiracy is suppression of free speech. But there is one thing they do respect, for it is the principle by which they themselves live and by which they aim to achieve and keep power. That thing is *force*—force equal to or superior to their own. They have despised free America as a country of flabby crowds, bent only on amusement, bread and circuses, through which they would some day slash their way to power as a hot knife slices through butter. Now they hear the breath of a cold wind and are not happy—not yet sure.

We are not yet sure, either. Whether America will awaken in time to deal with the perils that have gathered about and within in her long unawareness, we do not know. But if our people now decide the safety of America is assured, if they turn back to their usual preoccupations, happily confident that the future is safe in the hands of the politicians and the courts, then America is doomed.

Why?
Because—

Because of those Americans who have been "fighting Communism" out of one side of their mouths and out of the other side have been incessantly campaigning to make America socialist. And this group includes "Liberals" of many kinds.

They have pictured Socialism as a great, "liberal" force opposing totalitarian Communism. To hear the Socialists tell it, Socialism is humanitarian and "democratic," Communism is power-mad and autocratic. One would think the two movements were eternally opposed at every point.

They are nothing of the sort. They are blood brothers. That sincere people who call themselves Socialists will deny this vehemently and sincerely is entirely immaterial. They deny it only because they have not been able to see through the rosy illusions they cherish, down to the stark hard consequences of the steps they want us to take.

Socialism, like Communism, once set up anywhere, must more and more adopt the methods of the compulsory state. Once started on that road there is no other choice. The warm-hearted humanitarian Socialists of the first phase may shrink from applying compulsion when the only alternative is to return to a free economy and a free society. But if they will not use it, there are others who will push them aside and seize the centers of power—as Lenin and Trotsky pushed Kerensky aside in 1917.

You cannot suppress a free market economy without regulation price-setting, rationing, production quotas and the FORCE to enforce them. And, as the troubles of a state-managed economy multiply, as multiply they must, more and more force must be brought to bear at each successive step.

The managed economy is the end of the free political society. Whether one calls it "Socialism" or "Com-

munism" makes little difference. It has even been called "the Kingdom of God on earth"! Whatever the label, *the reality is the compulsory state.*

The Socialist publication *The New Leader*, edited by as humanitarian and personally harmless Socialists as ever invited a civilization to take the road to disaster, in an editorial of October 22, 1949, betrayed the uneasiness that even the best Socialists must feel as they ponder the trial of the Communists. Observing that no opponents of Communism would have secured such a trial anywhere behind the Iron Curtain, *The New Leader* attacked the whole philosophy underlying the verdict, and in a curious way.

The eleven should not have been tried under the Smith Act, says *The New Leader*, because the Smith Act "contains clauses sweeping enough to apply to non-Communists. . . . In its present form nothing can prevent its application to non-Communists as well, and as such it does express an attitude of thought-control which is antagonistic to the American system." At the same time *The New Leader* is quite ready to see the Communists tried and sentenced "as agents of a foreign power"—but not for their conspiracy! Yet the Socialist organ agrees that Communism *is* a conspiracy.

This reaction is not so curious, after all, if we remember that the end-result of both Socialism and Communism is the compulsory state—the moral and political opposite of the kind of government established by the Constitution of the United States. Socialists do not like the Smith Act; rather they want a law that can catch the Communists, but nobody else who might be convicted of conspiracy!

At this point the reader may inquire: Are you trying to tell me there is also a *Socialist* conspiracy in America.

That is it, exactly. American institutions, American freedom, are today under a two-pronged attack. Both are highly dangerous. But the actual internal menace of the socialist conspiracy is greater than that of the communist. This is because the socialist conspiracy is being mostly sold to the American people under false labels and does not at present *contemplate* force and violence, although Socialism, too, will have to use force to make its planning effective.

When we say "socialist conspiracy," we do not mean the group of gentle idealists gathered around *The New Leader* or the sincere but deluded Norman Thomas. We mean the energetic, politically wise people who have been infiltrating both the Democratic and Republican Parties, presenting a full Socialist program under another name. We mean *Americans for Democratic Action*. By their domination of the Northern wing of the Democratic Party and by their very considerable influence in the Republican Party these Socialists have already begun to move the United States at headlong speed down the socialist road. They're trying to follow the road of the British Socialists. If they get what they want in the next session of the 81st Congress they may take us beyond "the point of no return."

Space prevents our telling here the full story of how this has been accomplished, and how thoroughly the socialist tacticians, who do not call themselves Socialists at all, have planned the conquest and transformation of America. In order to get the whole fascinating, alarming story, we urge our readers to buy and read *The Road Ahead* by John T. Flynn (copies available from National Economic Council).

But it is our conviction that these masked Socialists, save for their discomfort at the conspiracy clauses of the Smith Act, are happy that so much heat is being turned on the Communists. For when the attention of the American people is diverted, when the people are tempted to imagine that with the conviction of the eleven the fight is over and freedom saved, then the hidden Socialists can make swifter progress than ever in doing what the Communists want to do—but quietly and without bloodshed.

Here's How the Planners Work

The method by which the planners intend to persuade Americans to surrender their freedom is simplicity itself. They promise almost everybody something for nothing. The plans of the Truman socialist palace guard, for example, include the following "benefits" by 1958—all to be paid for by the people themselves:

For low income families: at least $4,000 per year.

For farmers: an income of at least $1,200 per year *per person.*

For "social welfare," unemployment insurance, old-age pensions, socialized medicine: 12 billion dollars per year.

For Government-built or financed housing: 6 billion dollars per year. . .

For aid to education: 2 billion dollars per year.

These are only *some* of the items which Leon Keyserling, now dominant in the President's Council of so-called Economic—really Socialist—Advisers, has in mind. How is the money to be raised?

As to this, the Planners speak in confident, but *very general*, terms. The money is to come from our "expanding economy." And how is the economy to expand so that by 1958 *ninety billion dollars per year EXTRA* will be available to finance all this? Why, the money Government collects in more and more taxes at higher and higher rates to increase low income, to pay to increase low incomes, to farmers, to pensioners, to all the other favored groups, will automatically so perk up the economy as to raise the "national income" so that everybody will have what he wants! Simple, isn't it?

Government will prime the pump. Then the water that comes out will be used to keep the well from running dry. But all the time the pump will be kept going, with continuous circulation, bringing water up and getting the same water back. It's the old story of perpetual motion.

**And This Can Work—
Under the Police State**

Laugh, if you please, but the thing *can* work—for a while. It can work, however, only through compulsion—through the police state. It can work only if

Government can cheapen the value of money, as it creates more and more, while demanding under threat of punishment that buyers and sellers shall give the money an artificial value it does not have. In other words, as Government cheapens money everyone becomes poorer and poorer, but Government hides the fact by controlling prices. But you cannot long control prices without controlling output, wages, per capita consumption and, at the last, freezing everybody into his particular job—as Socialist Britain, by the "Control of Engagements Act," is doing today.

Then the power of the bureaucrat reaches its apex. The daily life of everyone, what he wears, eats, earns, and the job he has, will be strictly controlled by a Commissar. In accepting the bribe of easy security and easy money from Government, the American individual will have delivered himself into slavery—to Government. He will have been bribed into serfdom—by his own money.

Today the Planners in power in Washington are rushing us down this road by the simple device of spend more—tax more—spend more. . . . This first session of the 81st Congress authorized spending more than FIFTY-ONE BILLION DOLLARS. That is about $340 for every man, woman and child in the United States.

If you have a family of five, for example, the first session of the 81st Congress has put you in hock to the tune of an extra $1700. Your personal "share" of the national indebtedness is already $3,333—or $16,665, if you have a family of five. The second session, beginning next January, will get the order to tax more—and further promises to spend more.

And this addition will come out of **YOUR** pocket.

The Socialists, who do not call themselves Socialists, know exactly what the effect of all this will be. That is why they are doing it. Before Americans can be persuaded to the final surrender of their liberty, their ability to prosper *and to take care of themselves* must be destroyed. Their money must be cheapened, their tax-burden increased, their whole economic system brought to a dead center. Then Government will resort to "rescue" by seizure and confiscation.

That is what the masked Socialists are doing now, and so far they have been successful.

The American people are faced today with the stark choice between freedom and serfdom. If they want to become serfs, either the communist road or the socialist road will take them to their place of bondage.

But if the American people want to remain free, to resist the man-made forces that are hurrying them along, they will have to fight.

How can they fight?

By making their views known to their congressmen and senators.

By joining the National Economic Council which is carrying on the struggle daily against heavy odds.

By refusing to be bribed. By realizing that it is their own money they are offered, less the bite that Government takes out of it—and less the extra bite Government takes out to bribe others.

Here a plain word needs to be spoken to the American businessman. Despite the promises Government makes to you, despite the juicy orders that *now* may be coming from Government contracts, Socialism as well as Communism means the end of private enterprise.

But business, with a few exceptions, is not fighting. It is holding next month's balance sheet so close to its eyes that it does not see the executioner's block being built for it. Private enterprise had better begin to fight, and begin now, or the fight will be over and its head in the basket. And in the same basket will be the stockholdings of millions of citizens.

And where will your profits, your dividends, the very securities, be then? In the executioner's pocket.

For those who choose freedom, there is no peace. Unless they fight incessantly, the evil thing called Socialism, disguised as "progress," will end the American Republic and plunge us into a new dark age.

For ourselves, in the Economic Council, we pledge to keep on fighting. If enough Americans with courage join in the fight, it can still be won.

For those who will neither choose nor reject freedom, but who pooh-pooh the danger in which America stands, and who with tolerant smiles elect to sit this one out, peace is unreservedly guaranteed.

It will be the peace of extinction.

Merwin K. Hart

President,

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W. R. Glavin

SAC, Kansas City — March 8, 1950

Director, FBI

NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC.
INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to your memorandum of February 8, 1950 requesting any available identifying data concerning the captioned organization.

No investigation concerning the National Economic Council, Inc., has been conducted by the Bureau. Information available in the Bureau files, however, indicates that the organization publishes the "Economic Council Letter," a semi-monthly publication in which topics of current interest are discussed. The President of the organization is Merwin Kimball Hart, who has been attacked by the Communist Party as a Fascist. The organization, through its "Economic Council Letter," has constantly taken an anti-Communist stand on current matters, and there is no information available indicating any Communist infiltration, influence or control of the organization.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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FROM : SAC, KANSAS CITY

SUBJECT: NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INCORPORATED SECURITY MATTER - C

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Mr. MARVIN J. GORDON of the Beech Aircraft Company at Wichita, Kansas recently communicated with this office concerning literature he had received from the captioned organization whose address is the Empire State Building, New York City. He expressed the opinion that he believed the literature had a "peculiar ring to it definitely bordering on Communism". He stated that the management of the Beech Aircraft had subscribed to the publication put out by this agency.

The files of this office do not reflect any information concerning the captioned organization. For the information of this office the Bureau is requested to advise of any information in its files as to the nature of this organization and its publication.

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TO : MR. LADD

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: MERWIN K. HART
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On the afternoon of March 7, I received a call from SAC Scheidt, New York Division, advising that Merwin K. Hart, President of the National Economic Council, with offices in the Empire State Building, called the New York Office, requesting that an Agent come to see him, as he desired to furnish some information of interest to the Bureau. Mr. Scheidt advised that Hart has been classified as a Fascist by left-wing elements.

Mr. Scheidt advised that Hart did not give the details of what information he desired to furnish other than to say that former Special Agent Tracy in New York had conducted considerable investigation for Hart and he felt that the information would be of value to the Bureau.

I advised Mr. Scheidt it would be satisfactory for two experienced Agents to interview Mr. Hart to receive such information as he desired to give with the understanding that the Bureau would make no commitments whatsoever. Mr. Scheidt advised that an appointment had been made with Mr. Hart at 11:00 am on March 7.

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MERWIN K. HART CORRESPONDS WITH GERALD L. K. SMITH

The forthcoming publication of hearings of the Select Committee on Lobbying Activities of the House of Representatives will contain a letter Merwin K. Hart of the "National Economic Council" wrote to Gerald L.K. Smith. This letter, which is published in this week's issue of Aufbau, American weekly in German and English, is dated January 3rd, 1950 and reads as follows:

"Dear Mr. Smith:

I certainly thank you for your very friendly letter of December 31st, and I am delighted that you liked our Council Letter of December 15th.

"Let me compliment you, too, on the untiring courage you have shown in fighting for what you believe to be right.

"If Mrs. Hart were here, she would join me in sending you and Mrs. Smith and your family our warm personal regards and best wishes for the New Year.

Sincerely yours,

signed: Merwin K. Hart "

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This letter is of particular importance as the hearings of Hart before the Select Committee have shown that certain members of Big Business and certain big corporations are among the most powerful sponsors of Mr. Hart.

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Mr. Russell D. Vorey
Vice President
Douglas L. Elliman and Company, Inc.
15 East 49th Street
New York 17, New York

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Dear Mr. Vorey:

Your letter dated September 27, 1950, with enclosure has been received, and I appreciate the thoughts which prompted you to write as you did.

Although I would like to be of assistance in connection with your request for information, I wish to advise that it has been a long-standing policy of this Bureau to hold its files confidential and available for official use only.

I am sure you will understand the reason for this rule. No inference, of course, should be drawn that we do, or do not, have the desired data in our files because of my inability to be of assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I take the liberty of enclosing herewith page 63 of the New York Daily News dated September 27.

If the National Economic Council, the author of this ad, has been investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and has been found to be a legitimate pro-American, anti-Communist organization, I am willing to be a contributor to what would appear to be an organization proceeding along the proper lines.

I am very conscious that you cannot answer all the mail that comes before you without investigating the writer. The simplest and quickest investigation of me can be found in the Navy under the file number 28868. I am on the inactive list of the Naval Reserve as a commander, and I have served 10 years in the navy as a commissioned officer.

Respectfully yours,

Russell B. Corey
Vice President

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National Economic Council, Inc.

Letter to Mr. Corey
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Why do we do everything we can to help Stalin?

After complete study, and interviewing of many people who hate Communism but understand Russians, the National Economic Council reveals the tragic mistakes we are making in dealing with Russia. Read this dramatic appeal to every American.

The only people who know all about Communism and want no more of it are the Russians. They can't stand its poverty; they can't stand its persecutions. They swallow its teachings solely *in order to survive.*

If the Russian people ever had any doubts about the outside world, returning Russian armies disillusioned them after seeing something of other countries and people during the last war.

The Russians are convinced Stalin's propaganda is a bundle of lies . . . are kept under control only by terror . . . hate the whole regime.

Why don't we realize that, if handled properly, the Russian people could be our best allies?

Even generals of the Soviet Army became worried about our strengthening of Stalin and tried to get in touch with General Eisenhower. We put their emissary in jail and kept him there for months. *Why?*

In spite of our puzzling behavior, Soviet soldiers continued to desert inside the Allied Zone. Our officials were ordered to round them up and send them back to Soviet executioners. *Why?* Why crush the faith these Russians had in us?

Our military men resented their gruesome job. They were *ordered to commit acts that seemed* simple treachery "in order that we live up to the Yalta Agreement." The Yalta Agreement contemplated no such course. In effect? A great number of military men and other devoted patriots in our Government have been working for years to change our policy of discrediting ourselves in the eyes of the Russian people. Who is opposing them?

Why does it take us months and months just to make up our minds to investigate possibilities and ways that might weaken the Communist threat?

Why don't we *use a small amount of the money we're spending in Europe to explain to Europeans that—no matter how badly off they are*—they would be infinitely worse off under Communism? We have thousands of refugees from behind the Iron Curtain who can prove the facts. Why don't we use them for propa-

Russian hatred of their regime is much stronger now than even at the time of war with Hitler, when it was already high. When that war started the Russians hoped Hitler was coming to free them from Stalin. Whole armies gladly surrendered to the Germans. The population greeted the Germans with flowers. Volunteers joined the Germans to fight Stalin and his Kremlin gang. Only when Hitler began murdering innocent men, women and children did the Russians change their attitude and decide to stick to their own gangsters.

Toward war's end many anti-Stalin Russians were fighting with our units against the Nazis. They liked us; they admired us; they hated the Stalin regime. They worked steadily against it and their numbers increased daily through desertions from the regular Red Army. In addition millions of Russian laborers who had been pressed into German service by Hitler refused to return to the land of the Soviets.

All in all the admiration of Russians for Americans stood at a peak. And there was a feeling in Russia that the Soviet rule was coming to an end.

If we had let things go on as they were, there would be no Stalin today. But at this point we interferred.

The Russian units fighting Stalin's regime were disarmed and delivered to the Soviets for execution. *Why did we do it?*

Outstanding anti-Soviet leaders were also handed over to the Soviets to be hanged. *Why?* The British even went so far as to deliver political refugees who left Russia back in 1920, men like General Krasnoff, author of "From the Double Eagle to the Red Flag." *Why did we let them do it?*

Who pushed our *military* authorities into committing those infamous acts, *and WHY?* Two years after the end of the war a Soviet motorized division volunteered to desert with all their equipment, artillery, aviation, supply trains. Our answer was that if they came we would turn them back. Why did we do that?

When a group of high-ranking Soviet officials volunteered to work against Stalin, why did we refuse their help? That happened this year—1950.

All the above are surely known to our Intelligence Service. Why do their reports have no ganda purposes?

Why did we build up Stalin's strength to the point where he can wage war against us any time he decides?

Why are we now making this coming war as bloody and costly as possible by encouraging all Russians to believe we are enemies of the Russian people?

Why do we think every situation can be met by more appropriations and higher taxes?

The boys now being drafted—and their families—are entitled to know the answers.

NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL, Inc.

If you agree, won't you speak up?

We've written this message in the hope of pointing out to the American people some policies we feel are costing us the support of the majority of the Russian people who hate Stalin and Communism more than we do.

We have also written this message in the hope that if we get enough of a following, all those possibilities that are now being neglected will no longer be overlooked.

Most of the facts mentioned are generally known. *Proof of the rest is at hand. But this advertisement alone is not enough to get results. We need money* to run similar messages throughout the country and carry on the fight we have waged against Communism for nearly twenty years.

If you believe, as we do, that we must win against Stalin with the least number of American boys killed, please fill out the coupon and give what you can.

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Mr. W. W. Priddy
President
Sabine Royalty Corporation
603 Southland Life Building
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Dear Mr. Priddy:

Your letter dated February 9, 1951, with enclosure, has been received.

While I appreciate the interest which prompted your inquiry, I must advise that according to Departmental regulation the files of this Bureau are confidential and for official use only. I am sure that upon reflection you will realize the necessity for such a regulation and that no inference will be drawn from my inability to be of assistance to you that we do or do not have in our files the information you have requested.

Sincerely yours,

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NOTE: The enclosure was the November 1, 1950, issue of the "Economic Council Letter" which was indicated to be a semi-monthly publication by the National Economic Council, Inc., Empire State Building, New York 1, New York.

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Re: National Economic Council, Inc.

Gentlemen:

For several years our Company has been making some donations to various organizations supposed to be fighting Communism and promoting loyal, true Americanism. Among these organizations is the National Economic Council, Inc.

Some of their recent circulars cause us to question the true purpose of the organization. We enclose herewith their Council Letter No. 250, which may be of interest to you.

We would like to know how the F. B. I. regards the organization. If they are worthy of our support, we will be glad to do our part; if they are probably doing more harm than good, we would like to save our money.

We would like to know something of the background of the organization.

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Very truly yours,

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Renaissance in Germany

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We told in Council Letter 224, October 1, 1949, of a house rebuilt from the rubble of his former house by a land owner and his sons in Kent, England. Housing is greatly needed in Britain, as in many other countries. Yet when these men had with their own hands finished the reconstruction, the government ordered it redemolished on the ground the owner had failed to get a permit! Only strenuous activity of powerful friends finally prevented it.

But in Western Germany we find a different spirit. With the terrific destruction by bombing, there is a far greater housing problem even than in Britain. And the vigorous Bonn government is encouraging individuals to do what they can to provide their own housing.

Self-Help in Germany

So a self-help scheme has been devised which works something like this: Many young Germans wish to marry and acquire a home. For each of them the government will furnish at a low price two or three truck-loads of semi-prefabricated materials, sufficient for a two-and-a-half-room house. The man works evenings and week-ends with the help of a neighbor or two, and presently he has his house. And the total cost of it runs from $600 to $900. Compare this with a minimum cost of $8,000 that a new small house (although admittedly larger and better than this) now costs in the United States.

A building permit is necessary in Germany, as it is in Britain and in cities in the United States. But in Germany the authorities are eager to issue a permit, while in Socialist Britain it is hard to get. And in Britain today only one private house may be built for every four houses built by the government.

Germany is Reviving

The Germans are coming back. The amount of construction and reconstruction now going on is tremendous. The British Land Commissioner for the area known as Land Rhein-Westphalia, which contains *more than three-quarters of all the industry of Western Germany*, told me that more than two hundred thousand housing units, many of them on this self-help basis, will have been built this year in his area alone.

The Germans are turning definitely away from Socialism. And this is of special significance because Germany is where most socialistic ideas first hatched. Perhaps Socialism is a disease, like measles, which, once a country gets it, must run its course. There is evidence it has run much of its course in Germany. And, unless outside nations actually force fresh socialist germs into its body politic, which Socialist Britain and France and the left-wing government of the United States will try to do, there is now a fair chance that Germany will remain immune.

It's a pity one country can't learn from the mistakes of others. If America would really study what Socialism has done to Britain and Germany and France, America would avoid Socialism like the plague. But, *of course, Socialism is an internationalist movement.* One country can force Socialism on another. The American Socialist Labor government is using its influence to keep the Socialist Labor government in power in Britain.

Two Great Handicaps

Since the West German government was set up, the higher officials at least in both American and British zones (I did not go into the French zone) have been earnestly working with the Germans to promote recovery. But they have been working under two distinct handicaps.

First, there was the long succession of what, from the American point of view, were disastrous mistakes in policy. To go no further back than 1944, there was the decision to allow Soviet Russia to take Berlin and a large part of Germany. The American and British troops were so far in advance of Russia in their military accomplishments that they could easily have taken the whole of Germany themselves.

But under mysterious pressures from sources that did not reveal themselves at the time, Mr. Roosevelt was persuaded to order American armies held back, and even to retreat in places, in order that Soviet Russia could take this territory. Thus millions of Germans—Europeans—were handed over to the tender mercies of Asiatics; and that division of Germany was made that is today responsible for the Soviet threat to Western Germany and to all of Europe.

Then there was the plan for vengeance against the German people—the scheme that bears the name of the "Morgenthau Plan." Mr. Douglas Reed, in his new book "Somewhere South of Suez," says that this plan, "the Western counterpart of the Eastern transaction about China [the Yalta Agreement], insured the spread of Soviet Power from Berlin to Vladivostok." Mr. Robert E. Sherwood, in his book "Roosevelt and Hopkins," quotes Roosevelt as admitting shortly before he died that he had "yielded to the importunities of an old and loyal friend when he affixed his initials to the document." Who this "friend" was is not stated.

But the "Morgenthau Plan" led to the Nuremberg trials and to the dismantling of manufacturing and other plants in Germany. This agreement by America that German plants should be destroyed was almost as fantastic as if she had agreed to destroy part of her own fleet or air force. (As a matter of fact, certain officials of the United States *did* order the wanton destruction of many new aircraft and other war matériel, and they were destroyed!) For sensible men knew even then that the defense of Europe against Soviet Russia, without the aid of Germany, was impossible. Mr. Cordell Hull and the late Mr. Stimson both disapproved the Morgenthau Plan at the time. But it was put across by the same ruthless crowd that have put across so many other ill-advised and high-handed schemes.

Several times, due to loud opposition to dismantling, both in and out of the American Congress, it has been announced that dismantling has stopped. ***But it hasn't stopped even yet.*** At this very moment, a responsible German official tells me, one plant in the American and part of one in the British zones are marked for immediate dismantling. The former is an aluminum plant at Töging in Bavaria, and the latter is a 6,000-ton press in Dortmund. Both these are needed not only in any preparation for the defense of the West, but for rehabilitation of Germany.

There is no question that an overwhelming majority of Congress has long been opposed to dismantling in Germany. The President's *announced* policy is to prepare the Western world to meet the threat of Communism. *Yet there are forces in the Administration that have seen to it that dismantling has been continued in spite of everything.* The Congress and the announced policy of the President have been thwarted.

The Congress of the United States could do no greater service to the American people than to find out, and make public, what these forces are.

This dismantling matter is only one of many where the expressed will of Congress has been nullified, usually by the Executive or by his knowledge. Thus when Congress by overwhelming majorities *directed* that a loan of $62,500,000 be extended Spain, the President announced after the law was passed that nevertheless the loan would not be made. Three or four years ago the Congress, after hearings and debate, ordered the construction of a super-airplane carrier. Construction was commenced and several millions had been spent on it when the Executive ordered that it be scrapped—thus completely nullifying an Act of Congress. Other cases could be cited.

The Second Handicap

The second handicap under which the Germans have been working, is that American policy with respect to Germany seems to be dictated, not by America's vital interests and not by the interests of the German people, but by the left-wing Socialists of Britain and France. Somehow, the Washington Administration has been unable to shake itself loose from that influence. While sometimes American representatives try feebly to overcome this French or British influence, yet in the end they knuckle down.

Probably the policies of American, French and British Governments are all shaped by the same international socialists. And the fact this socialist influence has so often forced upon America policies favorable to the aims of Soviet Russia is explained by the fact that Socialism and Communism are so simi-

lar. Since the setting up of the Bolshevik government in Russia in 1917, Communism has made headway chiefly in countries where a well-defined socialist program has been developed. There is no better illustration of this than in Czechoslovakia where the Socialism of Benes and Jan Masaryk were the bridge over which Communism marched to subjugate the country.

Therefore, when Mr. Truman and his associates rail against Communism, yet proceed vigorously to press one socialist measure after another, no wonder the people are confused.

Crusade for Freedom Has Educational Value

The movement known as the Crusade for Freedom, which we mentioned in Letter 248, has appealed to large numbers of patriotic Americans as deserving of support—and they did support it. But America is dealing with very hard-headed people, when she deals with Europeans. They know war at first hand in such countries as Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Norway, Spain, Italy, and more than all else, Germany and the Iron Curtain countries.

They know the causes from which they are suffering, particularly in these central European countries. I talked objectively with persons in many ranks about the Crusade for Freedom and its possibilities of constructive accomplishment. American officials uniformly supported and praised it—perhaps they could follow no other course.

But I found few if any Germans who felt this way about it. One said that if we were against Communism, why had we demolished plants and shipped many of them to Russia? Why, another asked, are we *still* demolishing plants? Another observed that the Russians had more respect for force than for petitions and bells. His inference was that people, who knew this fact, as do the people of the Iron Curtain countries, would themselves not be much impressed by such things.

Still another German, a Protestant minister, who had been against Hitler all along, spoke unfavorably of the movement, saying "What the situation needs is not petitions or signed scrolls or bells, but social justice." And he proceeded to refer not only to the dismantling, which had thrown many men out of work and destroyed the tools by which many Germans lived, but especially to the eight or nine million German refugees, for whom the Americans have done almost nothing, while being constantly solicitous about the so-called displaced persons, or "DP's."

Yet, the Crusade for Freedom, even if its message is reaching few people behind the Iron Curtain, may have performed a conspicuous service in marshalling in the United States fresh and more general opposition to Communism—particularly if more Americans come to understand Communism's close similarity to Marxist Socialism.

D. P.'s vs. Refugees

It should be remembered that the DP's are those of Eastern European stock—not Germans at all. They are persons from the Iron Curtain countries who were persecuted by Hitler. They include many good people. Others of them are of Eastern origin and probably will never add much to the building up and strengthening of American institutions—indeed would probably join with those already in America who are trying to undermine them. Without doubt many of them are Marxists—and some probably Communists, whom Soviet Russia purposely let slip through the Iron Curtain with the very idea that they would make their way to America.

For these DP's the Washington Administration has shown every consideration. Evidence submitted before a Congressional committee last year shows that U. S. authorities to a large extent permitted the International Refugee Organization (I.R.O.), which is alien-controlled, to select those DP's that were to come to the U. S.!

There have been only a few hundred thousand of these DP's. But the Refugees, or Expellees, who are those Germans who fled from Eastern Germany when the Soviet forces entered, have received almost no aid whatever from the American Administration. They have had to be supported by the West-German population, and this support has been a crushing burden. American discrimination against the Refugees has been one more hardship we have heaped upon the defeated Germans.

As matter of fact, also there is growing unrest among these millions of Refugees. Communism has begun to make headway among them. Being Germans, they can vote. At the last election in one of the northern provinces, the Refugees ranked second among parties.

All of which illustrates beautifully the kind of thing that may happen when we permit other than American interests to dictate American policy.

Creditable Work of Americans and British in Germany

Again I wish to say that American and British personnel have carried out the policies made in Washington and London with a high average of ability and integrity. I have heard much favorable comment on

this point from Germans. *The trouble has been with the policy.*

This policy has until recently played directly into the hands of Soviet Russia. Now, in important respects, it is playing into the hands of International Socialism. It is largely determined by the Socialist Labor government of Britain and by the Socialists of France. America, as the dispenser of much of the money and goods so greatly needed by Western Germany, can make her own terms if she has the intelligence and the will to make and insist upon them. So far, in most instances, she has shown neither.

In case of war between Russia and the United States it is doubtful whether either France or Britain would be of much assistance to our side. Meanwhile we are preparing to spend many more billions to aid them to rearm.

The rearming of Germany is much discussed by Germans. Opinion is divided. Those who oppose it say: "For five years you have been telling us that never again shall Germany be armed. You have torn down many of the plants we now need, if we are to rearm. You have humiliated us in a hundred ways. And now, you suddenly reverse yourselves and say we *must* rearm. You will understand why we are rather confused."

In spite of all the hate for the Communists, many Germans have no stomach for any more fighting. A chauffeur said to me: "I was in the war six years; I was in Russia—was before Leningrad. I don't want any more war."

Many, of course, of the most responsible Germans fear that for Germany to set out, or permit the Western countries to set out, to build up fighting forces in Germany would invite prompt attack by Soviet Russia.

Ciechanowski Puts His Finger On it

At an Economic Council dinner in New York, October 3, 1950, former Polish Ambassador Ciechanowski made a scholarly and carefully prepared address, the burden of which was that the preservation of American security was the most important thing of the day. He was clearly speaking out of his own long experience and observation.

As an American citizen, who has always held the opinion Mr. Ciechanowski expressed, I believe the whole European mess has been due to the fact that for years we have not placed American security and welfare first. Our political leaders have permitted themselves to be pushed around by pressure groups and politicians that represented other nations and other interests. Our American policy has been made to suit *their* ends—not ours. We are well started on a process, which, if not stopped and reversed, will mean the liquidation of American liberty and all that America holds dear.

I do not mean that America should not take a generous and intelligent interest in other peoples. America always has. But for her to place the interests of other nations above her own—for her to plunge forward with commitments all over the globe—above all for her to be pushed into such a campaign of vindictiveness as she has until very lately pursued toward Germany—is to invite disaster for America.

Even if our policy is reversed and we return honestly to the conception of America First, it will take consummate skill and courage to work out our problems in Europe alone.

I believe it can be done. But only if we subordinate every other interest to the vital interests of America.

Merwin K. Hart

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THE RIGHT SIDE

By JOHN EAGHAN KELLY

The Dies Committee has suffered a sea change. Significant also is the changed attitude of the red and pink press toward this creation of the Congress. In the last session when so much of the communist conspiracy was exposed, from the *New York Times* to the *Daily Worker*, the press howled at the Committee. Patriotic organizations, notable among them the Constitutional Educational League which gathered 600,000 signatures to petitions requesting continuance of the Committee with the identical personnel, were abused by the kept press for their efforts. The red attempt was defeated, the Committee was continued with four times as much money, and personnel unchanged, save for Voorhis, Californian New Dealer, who replaced former Congressman Mosier of Ohio. Can it be that the reds followed the old advice, "If you cannot beat 'em, combine with 'em!" Something has happened. Voorhis has assumed a dominant tone, and Healy of Boston, who was so embarrassed by the unearthing of communists at the last session that he threatened to resign and took no active part in the further deliberations of 1938, is now acting the part of a Krylenko toward Rightist witnesses. [illegible]

In the early part of June the [illegible] High Commands [illegible] were changed [illegible] regular [illegible] But only the [illegible] paragraph on page twenty.

The *Daily News* for 26th of May is authority for the statement that a motion picture actor [illegible] himself Spencer Tracy is rebelling against the character of Major Robert Rogers in the dramatization of Kenneth Roberts' great historical novel, "Northwest Passage," and expressing his desire to play one of the degenerate characters in Steinbeck's red propaganda story, "Grapes of Wrath," whose mere reading leaves a bad taste in the mouth of every decent-minded American. Perhaps this is characteristic of Hollywood, that contributes so much to communism's treasury. Major Rogers' retreat as portrayed by Kenneth Roberts, is a masterpiece of patriotism and human leadership, and would not be understood in Hollywood. There was no glory, no profit in it. Only duty.

John L. Lewis has his triumph and slavery is riveted upon the coal miners, as even Dorothy Thompson is forced to admit in her column. The Federal Government's intervention on the side of tyranny only brings the day of reckoning nearer. Officials surrounded by "yes men" may not realize it, but the temper of the country is reaching an explosive pitch.

An interesting development of the red propaganda motif has been the emergence of Trotskyite arguments. The lost Spanish war is blamed on Stalin's personal selfishness, but never on the "pure communism of Lenin". The design is transparent: when the day comes here, we shall be told that we are trying "an American experiment". [illegible] all [illegible] of the argument.

BISHOP SHEIL ADDRESSES C.I.O.

On July 17 Auxiliary Bishop Sheil of Chicago became the first high dignitary of the Catholic Church to participate in a C. I. O. rally. In a speech he [illegible] his duty as a priest to defend the right of labor to organize and advance its economic status. Arguing for a better living wage among workers, he said, "If a man has the natural, God given right to life, then he must have the right to the means of life, not only to satisfy his own individual needs but those of his family."

John L. Lewis praised the speech as "entirely in keeping with the relationship which should exist between the church and labor."

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General Hugh S. Johnson, in his syndicated article, remarks that he would not want to be one of those responsible for dragging us into a European war when the army returns; there would not be lampposts enough to go around. The General is right; a world war would begin for us with a Leftist dictatorship, it would end in civil war and anarchy. The rage of a betrayed people would be visited pitilessly upon those responsible for the war.

Warner Brothers have perpetuated a stupid, clumsily made picture, condemned even by the New York critics so willing to praise the pink outpourings of Hollywood: "Confessions of a Nazi Spy." Overlooking its technical defects, its incitement to a war that is none of our concern, we are struck with a line in the advertising ballyhoo: "It was our American duty to make this picture." Well, well! American is as American does. Messrs. Warner. The brothers Warner were conspicuous contributors to the cause of Red Spain; two

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By JOHN E. KELLY

Eduard Benes, late President of Czechoslovakia, intimate friend and pupil of Joseph Stalin, has sailed for Europe. We hope permanently. We have no sympathy with these "liberals" who would not fight for their own countries but hurry over here to tell us it is our duty to die for them, to restore them to the posts they filled so badly. While we are about it, we might deport all those who tell us what our duty is in Europe. Our duty is to mend the affairs of America and our interest stops at the three-mile line. While Mr. Benes is quite definite about our duty to others, he is very vague about himself. In this case recently, he was asked "Are you a Catholic?" and replied loudly "Yes, I am a

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NOTICE!

"WISDOM", a publication of the Paulist Fathers, is devoted to refuting subversive philosophies destructive of church and state. It has for almost five years endeavored to present objective arguments to offset a growing godlessness in contemporary society.

It was intended as a contribution by the Paulist Fathers toward the solution of philosophical and sociological error, of which their founder Father Hecker was so acutely conscious, and the duty of challenging which he had laid upon his disciples.

It has at all times refrained from invective and unchristian name calling. Popularity at the expense of conscience is a price that Wisdom refuses to pay.

We have consistently followed the Papal pronouncements in condemnation of racism. For several years our columns have upheld the rights of minority groups, be they Negroes, Italians or Jews.

It should be entirely unnecessary after our consistent policy of almost five years to announce that organizations such as the "Christian Front," "Christian Mobilizers," et al, have never been in any way or at any time, identified with our work. Responsibility for these organizations has been laid at our door, which makes necessary this statement. In these days a spiritual front is the common need. May God keep us all from ever descending to vituperation or the stirring up of racial hatred.

The Editors.

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Catholic." But in Prague, in his last year as President of Czechoslovakia, he made the address of welcome to the international convention of the League of the Godless, and in September, 1938, at the London convention, which Father Paul B. Ward pilloried so unanswerably, Benes' name was prominently listed as a member. Under which King, Bezonian?

Premier Daladier of France, who was not above aiding the enemies of Christianity in Spain as much as he dared, boasted at this year's celebration of Bastille Day that "the French Army is invincible." In the not distant past Napoleon III said that his French army was ready "to the last gaiter button." Then came Sedan. He who laughs last—

The Federal Communications Commission and the Broadcasters Association have [illegible]

national goodwill." Consider the implications of this ruling. Now the stations may preach international hate, may incite to war, may deny the Saviour's teachings, with the full sanction of the Federal Communications Commission. The advancement of science?

Tom Mooney, lately released from prison after an unparalleled campaign of emotion, chicanery and secrecy directed from Union Square, is now on a nationwide tour under Red auspices, while the radical governor of California, who pardoned him after the repeated refusal of the Supreme Court of California to order a new trial against the weight of the evidence, is facing recall from citizens tired of his ... [illegible]

A valued correspondent of THE RIGHT SIDE [illegible]

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A FOOL HATH SAID IN HIS HEART, THERE IS NO GOD

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million pesetas, for which he was sentenced to death by the Government of the Spanish Republic. Execution was staved off by his pink friends in office and in 1938 we find this model citizen Minister of Justice in the Red Cabinet at Barcelona. Before we pass hasty judgment on foreign governments, let us consider Mr. Murphy again. The governor who was false to his oath of office in 1937, who refused to obey the law and the courts, who was retired from office by a majority of his fellow citizens on the issue of his conduct, is named Attorney General of the United States!

In our comment on the American Federation Against Communism we gave the address of its organization office, but the printer moved it across the street. The location is in the Hotel Iroquois, 49 West 44th Street. Many organizations have become affiliated with the Federation, which is organized to coordinate the efforts of American patriotic groups opposing Communism. Individual members are also accepted.

On every front the Reds advance. Some time ago they organized, through "fronts", the Lawyers Guild, which in turn, has been active in the Lawyers Committee on Relations with Spain, one of the coterie of radical organizations striving to lift the embargo on Spain. Not content with this, they have set out to capture the old, conservative American Bar Association. Last year's president, Arthur Vanderbilt of Newark, New Jersey, worked as counsel for the ACLU and the CIO in their attempt to bring riot and destruction to the people of Jersey City; his successor, Frank Hogan of Washington, D. C., signalized his accession by a radio speech denying the right of free speech to the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin. Messrs. Vanderbilt and Hogan jointly were instrumental in forming a "Civil Rights Committee" in the American Bar Association which officiously inserted itself into the Jersey City case, now before the Court of Appeals in Philadelphia.

Dr. William B. Cannon of Harvard University has been elected president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, sometimes known as the "Society with the Long Name". Yet Dr. Cannon is also known as the cochairman of the notorious Medical Bureau of North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy (sic), which by admission of its officers is a Communist affiliate. Dr. Cannon shares the chairmanship with Methodist Bishop Francis McConnell, for many years a determined partisan of things Soviet.

The rights and wrongs of the Mooney case will be argued for years to come. It was noteworthy, though, that when finally pardoned by California's radical Governor Olson, Mooney in his theatrical speech, delivered in the governor's presence immediately after the pardon was granted, and broadcast by the National Broadcasting Company, gave no thanks to God for his release, did not mention the Savior's name. On the contrary, he denounced the American system of life, spoke of the need of a better one and inferentially praised Communism throughout his speech. Materialistic in the extreme, he appeared to deny any Higher Power and placed all existence upon a physical plane.

It is a sorry state of affairs when the President of the United States uses the power of his great office to stifle the Dies Committee, supported as it is by public opinion throughout the nation. The people demand to know the truth about the infiltration of Communism into American life and government. Mr. Roosevelt's unwise entry into the arena will focus public attention on the charges of radicalism made against his latest appointees. With Perkins, Murphy, Ickes and Hopkins in the Cabinet, the administration takes on a "Popular Front" hue.

Administration circles are said to have been much encouraged by a poll purporting to show that in case of a war between Germany and the Soviets, Americans would favor Russia by 83 against 17. What poll makers and poll managers overlook is that the overwhelming percentage of our population would cry a "plague on both your houses" and demand that we keep out of Europe's wars. Can you imagine the American Legion or the Holy Name Society marching off to aid Stalin? The pro-Soviet bias of many Federal officials is a cause for concern to all true Americans. There can be no equality between Stalin and Washington, between Christianity and Communism, here or in Spain. The well-financed campaign to play down Russian terrorism, to paint Russia white by damning Germany is succeeding all too well. Search your favorite metropolitan paper and note the number of expressions of opposition to Soviet Russia, editorially or in news columns, which you can find in a month's time. Contrast these with the number of claims that Russia is a democracy. Nor does the press boggle at the most obvious press-agent falsehood. No soldier or expert has said that if Stalin had a million men under arms here he could not be making more progress than he is today.

There is a story told in Christian Spain. Red "Defense Minister" Prieto has fled to Chile. "Minister of Justice" Gonzales Pena was in Mexico. Negrin looked longingly at a Swiss refuge. But Barcelona was safe for Communism, the modern Don Quixote, Herbert Matthews, was winning every battle—in the columns of the *New York Times!* For a week after the Reds had been driven from the banks of the Segre, Matthews obediently parroted daily of battles "at the Segre bridgehead."

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1936, a small group of that ancient race who were lured by lying Red promises of a separate nation if Stalin won in Spain, was killed serving as a captain in the Red Army. The Red publicity agents seized upon the victim's nominal Catholicity (nominal because to serve the Reds he must take the Red Army oath which denies God) they prepared an elaborate funeral. Behind the casket walked a man in the habit of a priest. Postal card photographs of this scene, proving the existence of "tolerance" and "religious liberty" in the Red zone, have been mailed unrequested to Catholic priests in the United States by Red propagandists. We are glad to see that the Vatican has removed the name of Barcelona from the list of States with which the Holy See has diplomatic relations, effective on January 1. This disposes effectually of the canard, whispered by advocates of lifting the embargo to send bullets to kill Christians in Spain, that the Church was about to enter into closer relations with Red Spain and not oppose the lifting of the embargo if priests were again permitted to exercise their holy offices in Negrin's territory. The blood of the 17,000 priests murdered by Negrin and his fellows is not so soon forgotten, and the Godless propagandists were a little too sure of the gullibility of the Church.

[illegible] by death, but in the form of [illegible] it is widespread. Such [illegible] would not draw a handful of followers, but as Birth Control it is defended and promoted in the highest ranks of our Society. [illegible] and plays on such would [illegible] [illegible] person, but in the form of light reading and entertainment and art they are [illegible] The [illegible] that there is no God would not be [illegible] in any [illegible] school, but that [illegible] is almost universal in [illegible] few exceptions [illegible] Catholic institutions throughout the entire United States.

However subtle and well defended [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

WISDOM scored a scoop last month in reporting that the Red Duchess of Atholl, propagandist for Communism in Spain and [illegible] critic of Spanish landowners, [illegible] land in Scotland [illegible] Spanish [illegible] of the Pyrenees. The Red Duchess was ignominiously retired to private life last month when defeated for [illegible] Prime Minister Chamberlain's policy. Despite threats to her tenants that unless she were re-elected they might be turned out of the estate cottages, her constituents defeated her by 1313 votes. [illegible]

MEN ARE GOD'S CHILDREN

The great tragedy of history is not that men should fall, but that they should fail to rise to full realization of their vocation as children of God; in other words, that they should miss so [illegible] All about us we see vast multitudes of men and women of [illegible] and culture, endowed with intelligence and possessed of every natural virtue and every now and then [illegible] noble emotions and ideals, but who are living second rate, superficial, unimportant and morally insignificant lives, because they have never had their nature enkindled into flame by the Spirit of Christ. They may do much for the world in the material order, they may build bridges, harness waterfalls, accomplish great pieces of research, but they never sound the depths of their souls which can be filled only by God. The world of the supernatural has no more appeal to them than heroism has appeal to a coward. They have become so used to the dense atmosphere of the material that they choke in the more rarefied atmosphere of the supernatural.

And in this lies the danger of our whole civilization, which is gradually turning away from God. Nothing great, nothing really good was ever done in this world by any human life that had not a baptism of God's Holy Spirit. There is no escape from the words of Him who presided at Creation as the Word, and at the recreation on the Cross as the Word-made-flesh: "Without Me you can do nothing."

Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, Ph. D.

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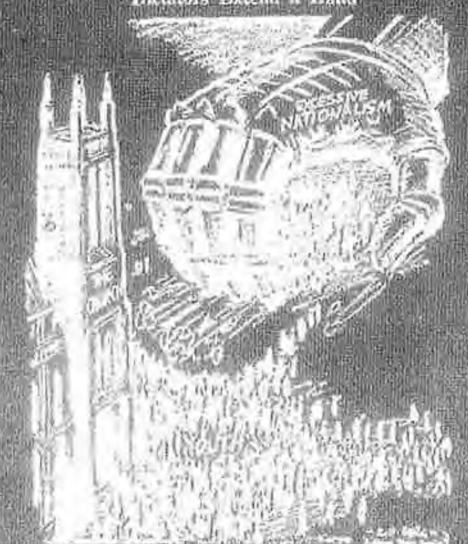

THE RIGHT SIDE

By JOHN EOGHAN KELLY

Neatest [illegible] trick of the week: Frank Murphy, Attorney General designate, will investigate Frank Murphy, Governor of Michigan, who was denounced in sworn testimony by Michigan peace officers as an intimate of Communists and his acts classified as "treasonable." Such feats are not uncommon to Mr. Murphy, who demonstrated during the CIO [illegible] in Michigan that a man may live without a spine.

In 1934 a revolt, led, financed, instigated by Soviet Russia broke out in Spain. In the Asturias the fighting was particularly bitter and the Red leader, Gonzales Pena, as disclosed in these columns (WISDOM, October, 1938) dynamited a bank building to steal fifteen

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HITLER NEEDS "LEBENSRAUM" (LIVING SPACE)!

May 1939

300 Million Catholics Summoned to Maintain Peace

English Paper Starts Campaign

Before His late Holiness's dying words, "Let there be peace," [illegible] memories, the Catholic Herald of London has taken a serious step to appeal for the establishment of permanent world peace. The appeal is being made through the Holy Father to 300,000,000 Catholic laymen and their Hierarchies, as well as to all Christians and other men of good will to carry out the Catholic injunction that every effort must be made to find a pacific settlement of differences before war can be justly resorted to.

In the spirit of their appeal the Herald editors are quick to urge that ties and commitments, mutual recriminations and the spirit of revenge be put aside before men can reasonably sit at a table to talk peace.

All materialistic axes to grind, all national bias must be torn out of the picture. Both sides have to make sacrifices.

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A "LASSER" EVIL

By ARTHUR A. MULLIGAN

WHO WANTS WAR?

General opinion among people [illegible] sounded out is that no [one] wants a war, no one wants to [go to] war, yet we will have a war, like it or not, everyone will go. This democracy?

A "LASSER" EVIL

David Lasser, President of [the] Workers' Alliance, the WPA [union], testified before a Senate committee that the WPA workers financed [a] trip to Russia in 1937 for the celebration of the twentieth anniversary of the Soviet revolution. It [will] make American taxpayers feel [good] to know what is being done with government's dole.

[illegible] FROM RELIEF CHECK[S]

We are grateful for the investigation of the WPA and hope it will [be] kept enough to disclose the [illegible] of "[illegible]" who [illegible] afford to pay dues to the Work[ers] Alliance and the Communist Pa[rty].

STOP STALIN

While we believe a number [of] sincere people took part in the "[Stop] Hitler" parade, we feel that from [a] pure viewpoint of [illegible], [illegible] might welcome [a] "Stop Stalin" movement.

OUT THE DICTATORS! [illegible]

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METHOD IN MADNESS

The original peace movement [in] this country [illegible] disarmament and create a [illegible] attitude that might easily be [taken] advantage of by an aggressor [illegible]

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W.P.A. Writers' Proj[ect] Fosters Obscen[ity]

Our Tax Money Propag[ates] "Realism"

By JOHN F. DANIELS

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ples" by joining the faculty of the New School for Social Research, more notorious as the Rand School, one of the reddest of radical training schools. This neatly gives the lie to the professor's profuse professions of republicanism, and demonstrates, as informed persons have always known, that he was always a radical and violently anti-Christian in his viewpoint. In the Rand School he will be in congenial company. In the near future we are going to sponsor a statute to require that all teachers in this country be American citizens. The most dangerous type of communist propaganda is that presented to American school children and college youths within the walls of our schools and colleges. How long are we going to permit it?

A number of Protestant clerics have addressed a manifesto to His Holiness, weeping crocodile tears over the alleged cruel reprisals of General Franco on the Red prisoners in his power. It is hard to be patient with such people. Either they are aware of the truth, in which case they are sheer propagandists and careless of the verities, or they are so ignorant as to permit themselves to be led by the nose by the Communists, who stop at nothing to spread their pernicious doctrines. The pastors addressing the Pope gloss over very neatly the assassination of the Bishop of Teruel; they say nothing of the murder of 400,000 non-combatants by their partisans in Spain. Why? Is it because the victims were "only Catholics"? There will come a day when we shall see these gentry squirm and attempt to disassociate themselves from their Red leaders. We wonder how successful they will be.

The White House took two and one-half years to recognize Generalissimo Francisco Franco, because "it could not be ascertained if he had established law and order in the territory under his control, and because he rose to power through violence." Yet General Miaja, who had no law and order at all, and who rose through expelling Negrin, was recognized in half a day.

In the last days of the Spanish War, the Communist faction found a champion in ex-Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson. The *Times* gladly accorded him full pages to spread his labored arguments why American bullets should be sent to kill Christians in Spain. Now the secret comes out. The *Saturday Evening Post*, whose authority is beyond question, reveals that Mr. Stimson was engaged by THE SECRETARY OF OUR TREASURY to advise him how to evade the law in paying de los Rios ten million dollars for stolen silver coin from Spain, and to serve as spokesman for the Reds in their attempt to embroil us in the Spanish war! Mr. Stimson's incumbency of the State Department was marked by blundering in Manchuria and bulldozing in Nicaragua. Now he reappears as a war-monger. We should mix in Europe's wars, uninvited, opines Mr. Stimson. It may be only a coincidence that Mr. Stimson is past the age of military service. If the war makers were sent to the front how peace would reign!

"We have to face the fact that a nominally Christian nation has delivered a shocking and appalling attack upon a small nation." The Bishop of Coventry was not speaking of the British airplanes that on the day he spoke were blasting Afghan villages; he was talking of Mussolini. The Premier of France rages at Italian pretensions to Tunisia. France obtained Tunis by exactly the same use of force no further distant than 1889. What price hypocrisy?

The "Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade," under date of March 25, 1939, have written to the owners of the film, "Spain in Arms," which depicts the triumph of Christianity in Spain over the forces of Communism led by Soviet Russia, that they have advised their "Veterans Posts throughout the country to be on the alert for the showing of 'Spain in Arms' and in their localities to take whatever action they believe to be necessary to stop its showing." Free speech for Reds only? When this picture was shown in Philadelphia the "Abraham Lincoln Brigade" bombarded the theatre management with threatening letters and telephone calls and when he appealed to the City Hall for police protection he reported that the Secretary to the Mayor of Philadelphia replied that no protection would be given, but that if the Reds made a disturbance at the showing he would then send the police to close the theatre! Are these returned mercenaries and lawbreakers of the International Brigades able to dictate to the municipal administration of a city of two million people? Or is the administration in sympathy with their Communist viewpoint? The assault upon peaceful citizens of Philadelphia by members of the Radical Squad, consisting of several notorious characters, within the past few weeks, makes Philadelphia overdue for a thorough housecleaning. When it proved impossible to obtain cooperation from the Philadelphia police, the Honorable Edgar Hoover, the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, the Public Service Commissioner of Philadelphia, the Honorable Thaddeus Daly and Colonel Vincent Carroll in the District Attorney's office moved immediately and provided protection. Then, on the spot, the Philadelphia police shamefacedly sent patrolmen.

L. P. without even the formality of an open discussion, and the resolved opinions of regional federations are blandly disregarded by the parent organization in formulating that opinion. It is not a clever way to train future Catholic leaders.

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A FOOL HATH SAID IN HIS HEART, THERE IS NO GOD

May 1938

THE RIGHT SIDE

By JOHN EOGHAN KELLY

Leaving to our more learned and eloquent colleagues the literary phases, this column proposed to treat of pragmatic details of our common problem: the defense of America against the inroads of Communism.

McNaboe Bill Veto

Governor Lehman of New York, in his wisdom, has vetoed the McNaboe bill to deny communists appointive offices on the public payroll. The Governor bolsters his veto by splendid *theoretical* arguments. In the rarefied air of the debating society they have weight, no doubt; in the situation now existing in America they are futile—and dangerous. Mr. Lehman repeats the arguments of the pinks that to drive reds from office is to make martyrs of them and converts for their cause. That argument was declasse thousands of years ago, when the proverbs of the Trojan Horse and the Camel with his nose in the tent were written in the light of bitter experience. Nowadays we say "nothing succeeds like success." If driving the reds from the public payroll makes them martyrs, leaving them on will bring them converts in droves. Twenty of the weak-minded will embrace communism that can promise them a job to one fanatic who will follow the reds driven underground. The way to abolish communism is to abolish it, not coddle it. The Governor, in effect, takes the role of the doctor who says to his critically ill patient: "This medicine will cure you, but I am not giving to give it to you, because it might prove habit-forming."

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Communist "T

By JOHN F. B

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"God Is the Cause of All

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country before; most of us remember the Ku Klux Klan in its second incarnation. Compared with the satanic cleverness of the Communist International, the Ku Klux were bumbling bigots. But for a while and in some sections of our country, they constituted a menace to liberty and Americanism. During that time they wrecked the Democratic party. During the suicidal struggle in the Democratic National Convention in Madison Square Garden in 1924, a brave man from Memphis, Tenn., arose to confront of the serried ranks of Klan delegates. "I come from where the Ku Klux are. I have seen six thousand of them parading down Main street in their nightgowns. I don't know much about politics, but I do know enough about natural history to tell you that you can't kill a snake by taking it up in your arms and kissing it to death!" We commend this homely wisdom to Mr. Lehman.

More Teeth in the Law

"Infiltration," the placing of party members in key posts and places where they can gather information, is a cardinal tenet of the Communists. Espionage is a two-edged weapon. Fearless Americans there are, who scorning the very real danger of death at red hands if their identity and purpose is discovered, who have joined the Communist party to ferret and learn [illegible] ... [illegible]

[illegible] made a [illegible] from the Central Committee presided over by Browder, Ford and Foster that "all men of military age shall join the National Guard or the Reserve Officers Training Corps." The laudable purpose of this red flocking to our colors is to learn military tactics for use against us when the Red Day comes, to place themselves in position to sabotage armories and military establishments, and to propagandize among the as yet unpoisoned members of the military personnel. In time of war, a red detected in such treasonable activities would join Lenin in record time after the court martial had heard evidence under the Sixty-Six Article of War; in time of peace, if the vigilance of his officers and fellow enlisted men can detect his motives, nothing more than dishonorable discharge is permitted under our laws. May we suggest, Governor Lehman, that we need more—and better—teeth in our laws for the defense of our country?

Refugees and Reasons

Much has been said recently of a move by Secretary of State Hull to bring to this and other countries persons in the bad graces of the governments of Russia, Italy, Spain and Germany. Here again theory noble in conception should be scrutinized in the light of pragmatic considerations. What effect will be the influx of a quarter million foreigners (for actually we shall get the vast majority, while the other signatories to the plan lend moral support and strengthen their immigration laws) have upon our already overburdened relief systems? For certainly these people will come without funds. Would not another part of the world be more suitable? How many of these immigrants would bring politically pernicious ideologies with them? We have laws prohibiting entrance of such persons, but presumably they would be in suspense, as they were when the notorious anarchist, ex-Mayor of Gijon, Spain, was admitted by special order from Washington recently over the expulsion order of the authorities at Ellis Island.

Einstein the Radical

Nor may the cultural or professional standing of individual refugees be taken as a guarantee that they will respect and support American institutions and traditions. A case in point is the behavior of Albert Einstein. One of the early advisers of Lenin, he was a pillar of the Communist movement in Germany, and fled for that reason, not because of his race or religion, when National Socialism came to power. Like many red intellectuals, Professor Einstein does not appear to have been personally courageous. After a short residence in Holland, he fled to England, and alleging that his life was in danger came to the United States, where Princeton University, although there are many native scientists available, offered him a post at ten thousand dollars a year. This is Princeton's right, [illegible] ... [illegible] grateful for sanctuary and fortune in an alien land? He has signified his attitude unmistakably. He has appeared as speaker and patron at many radical meetings in New York and elsewhere. Although his very well press-agented movements have not recorded his naturalization, he has taken it upon himself to send hectoring telegrams to Congressmen demanding lifting of our Neutrality Laws so that the Spanish reds may buy munitions in this country. It has been repeatedly published, without denial that we have ever seen, that the professor pays the scholarship of one student per annum at the Communist Commonwealth College at Mena, Arkansas, which as the investigation by the Arkansas Legislature proved, trains Communist agitators and sends them forth to poison American youth with their perverted doctrines. Before we admit any more aliens allegedly fleeing from tyranny [illegible]

Dictators

(NOT IN THE PUBLIC EYE)

Malice—the Dictator that sows discord and slander in the through evil.

Hatred—the Dictator that will not rest until it has spilled blood.

Envy — the thieving Dictator who steals with its eyes.

Sensuality—the Libidinous Dictator who deals with its desires.

Ill-temper—the Dictator who rules the impatient and the revengeful.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Baptize us with the fire of Love, that leaving behind discord as a torn garment, we be clothed in the white fleece of the saints!

Anti-God Congress

May 1938

[illegible] to be besmirched with the stain of blasphemy and irreligion. Silent acquiescence on the part of bishops, people and the monarch himself is all the more remarkable when we recall that because of an intended violation of the law of God a prime minister was able to prevent the coronation of a king. The minister and parliament, which thus upheld morality, are now silent in the face of a public attempt to root out and destroy all faith in God, without which morality is impossible.

Vigorous Protest

The fact that this Anti-God Congress is planned in the center of an English-speaking empire, calls for a protest even from English-speaking people who are not under the British flag. We protest, therefore, first of all in our own right against the apathy of the English king, his minister and his parliament. Above all, as Catholics, we ask that the bishops of the Catholic Church in England take vigorous action in this matter. It is our prayer that by stirring up their priests and their people they may avert this calamity and all the evils that will follow in its train. For our own part, we shall try to make reparation by prayer for the insult to our Heavenly Father, and we ask that in His mercy He may shower such grace as will stir all hearts to join in a tribute of world-wide praise and adoration strong enough to make this appeal to His mercy avert the terrible consequences which this insult would demand from His justice.

"The Divine Agent Is the Ultimate Cause of the Existence and Ten

which we had planned for him. He tried to fit himself into the place assigned him by our ignorance. He tried to remake himself and he could not. That is why many of our Italian immigrants are misfits. That is why many—though not

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Democracy, are communistically controlled and disseminate the doctrines of the Third International.

We urge that you voice your protest to the City Council at their meeting on Tuesday, July 5, 1938. Demand that they rescind the action taken at meeting on June 21, 1938.

THE RIGHT SIDE

By JOHN EOGHAN KELLY

The battle of Jersey City goes on. On this community of 300,000 souls, overwhelmingly Catholic, the massed crack-pots, "liberals," reds, pinks, yellows, Communists, Socialists, Newspaper Guild, metropolitan press, attorneys for organizations with high-sounding names that mask communist intentions, clerics of the Methodist and Protestant Episcopal sects, vent their envenomed wrath. This city dares remain American in a day when the country is "sold short" in every "smart" set and nest of the vipers self-proclaimed "intelligentsia." Tramps and clowns intent on spreading their communistic doctrines are not welcome here; they may not speak in a public square without a permit, a law upheld by the Supreme Court of New Jersey years ago. But reformers of the ilk of the ex-cleric Norman Thomas, ex-convict Roger Baldwin, ex-Congressman Vito Marcantonio and, we predict after November, 1938, ex-Congressman Jerry O'Connell of Montana are above the law. They scorn to ask a permit, scorn to follow Safety Director Daniel Casey's advice to seek redress in the courts if they feel their "rights" restricted, they will speak "permit or no permit." Actually they do not intend to speak, they pray to Lenin that the Jersey City police will save them from the aroused citizens. So far the police have intervened, but there may come a day ———. The blood will be upon the intruders' heads if they carry their insolence too far.

On May 27, 1938, "dear Jerry" O'Connell came to Pershing Square to make a speech, under the auspices of the CIO, the "American Civil Liberties Union," and lesser fry. He had no permit. Waiting for him were 15,000 citizens, silent but seething. O'Connell lasted thirty seconds. When the po-

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The protest against the anti-God Congress was read out after the High Mass in East End Park, and was supported unanimously by all the pilgrims.

Sir Walter Maxwell-Scott said: "This anti-God Congress has been refused a meeting place in several European countries. It remained for London, the center of the British Empire, to give it a welcome. The Home Secretary has publicly stated that he has no power to prevent the meeting unless there are grave fears that it will lead to a breach of the peace.

"Does not the Home Secretary

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Spanish Communist Newspaper, "La Voz," Undermines Religion

New York City, prolific center of leftist propaganda, has a daily paper "La Voz" printed in Spanish. One of its chief purposes seems to be to undermine religion among Spanish, Mexican and Porto Rican Catholics. It carries paid religious advertising, all appealing to the religious natures of these good people. The backers of this paper well know that once religious belief is done away with, a fertile field is presented for communistic propaganda of every kind. But how can a Spanish Communist Daily finance itself in a city which has no Catholic daily? It is rumored that the monetary source of supply comes from the Spanish ——— in Washington. And we know that much more came from the same source for the same purpose.

...ct the supreme causes of things" —Apostolic Delegate.

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lice rescued him from the villagers he was ashen and trembling and thanked the police volubly for saving his life. Back in Newark surrounded by his communist sponsors, he recovered his nerve and gave the press a tissue of lies. Even the Newspaper Guild reporters could not believe him, having been present in Jersey City at his craven conduct.

It is related that when O'Connell was temporarily sheltered in the Sixth Precinct Police Station, while arrangements were being made to send him safely to Newark, he was ill at ease and sought to make conversation. He inquired what band was playing as he entered Pershing Field and was told that it was the Hudson County American Legion band. "I didn't recognize the tune," continued O'Connell. The Jersey City officials stared at the Western "red" in incredulous surprise—the "tune" was the Star Spangled Banner!

IT IS THE REBIRTH OF AMERICANISM. A NEW LEXINGTON OR CONCORD IS REQUIRED. THE BATTLE CAN BE FOUGHT IN JOURNAL SQUARE—AND JERSEY CITY WILL FURNISH THE AMERICAN FORCES!

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While on the subject of Jersey City, let us allude briefly, he is worth no more space, to the President of the Borough of Manhattan, Stanley M. Isaacs, who harbors the notorious communist, [illegible]. Speaking as a Jew to Jews he denounced the patriotic Jews of Jersey City who have at last expelled from their Community Center the radical [illegible] agent and associate of ex-convict Roger Baldwin. The ephemeral Manhattan politician, who gives aid and comfort to communism, had the insolence to denounce the fight of Jersey City against his pets. Mr. Isaacs may be a shrewd politician on his side of the Hudson, but he is curiously ignorant of conditions elsewhere. It was no task for 65,000 citizens to pack Journal Square on May 7 to drive out the reds, when Mr. Isaacs' friends hold a meeting in a hall in Jersey City, they can muster barely 250 persons, half of them imports from New York.

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Mohamet Kola has been deported for moral turpitude to his native Ethiopia. So anxious was Miss Perkins to be rid of him that the Department of Labor secured an Italian visa describing him as an "Italian East African," although Mr. Hull does not recognize Mussolini's conquest of Abyssinia. Such [illegible] on the part of Madame Secretary leads us to believe that Mohamet must have refused to join the communist party.

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[illegible] the dictionary, is shown in the New York Times report of the death of Carl von Ossietzky. Speaking editorially, these lines appear: "He was imprisoned under the Weimar Republic because he dared reveal that Germany was rearming." Not imprisoned by Hitler, note well, but by the Socialists. Can we believe that the Times deliberately wishes to pose as a hero a man who played the part of a latterday, and less courageous Benedict Arnold? To betray the secrets of one's country to the enemy has always been the basis of treason. Even those who profit by the traitor's acts despise him. The Times treads on quicksand by such false reasoning.

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Whitewashers are busy in the communist headquarters. All of the doctrines of force and violence, of liquidation of the bourgeoisie, by which [illegible] of perverted mind were attracted, have been painted over and on the virgin white surface on which appear the words "Peace and Democracy." We wonder if the American people, notoriously slow to note danger, will be taken in by this twentieth century revival of the wolf in sheep's clothing. Perhaps Earl Browder has been studying the attendance records of Mr. Disney's quaint films. Communists on the witness stand swear glibly (what value is a communist's oath who believes in neither God nor Bible?) that the "American Communist Party" is wholly American, uncontrolled from abroad. The official title of the communist party in this country is "Communist Party of the U. S. A., Section of the Third International." It is the "American Communist Party," a straw man set up to hide the designs of Moscow's emissaries. When did the change to "Peace and Democracy" take place? Not by May Day, when Mr. Browder's marchers [illegible] posters [illegible] American revolution and asking all readers to join the Revolutionary Workers [illegible]

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Atheists to Hold Convention

Launch New Tirade Against Religion

The proposed "International Congress of Free Thinkers" is to be held [illegible] in September this year. [illegible]

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FREE SPEECH IN JERSEY CITY

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of long standing, sustained by the highest courts of New Jersey, the "right" to mass picket and the "right" to distribute circulars on the streets.

Agitators Vs. City Ordinance

They applied for permission to parade in Jersey City and to distribute circulars. The City Attorney refused, standing on the ordinances. The C. I. O. came anyway, in disorderly array, prepared to make a laughing stock of the laws and municipal officials. But Frank Hague is not Frank Murphy. The trouble makers were escorted out of town, a few who returned were arrested and sentenced to five days in jail. Then, as always happens, the red allies of the labor agitators went into action. The ex-convict, Roger Baldwin, and Arthur Garfield Hays of the so-called American Civil Liberties Union [illegible]

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Negroes Unite to Fight Communism

New League Started in Harlem

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Q.—Why is religion subject to so much attack today?

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A.—In a world of political re-alignment and social disorder, change is violent. Most of those who would effect the change, the revolutionists, attack religion because it is on the side of established order and stability. But make THEIRS the established order and inevitably they will turn to organized religion to help them maintain their own order. Thus, have opportunists always become statesmen, from the Caesars to Napoleon to Bismarck to Mussolini. So it will be with the rest.

When Modern Man Left the Church, He Became A Prey to Yogis and Other Unreasonable Credulities.

—Fr. Martin D'Arcy, S.J.

The next group to fall in line

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THE RIGHT SIDE

By JOHN EOGHAN KELLY

Adhering to this column's purpose of supplying data to those engaged in the war against communism, for war it is, against an enemy that knows no scruples in its unholy lust for power, we list here a few of the categories of those who are, openly or covertly, enemies of America.

Beware of the man who continually denounces Fascism as an enemy and a danger to this country, and never mentions the much greater and more imminent danger of communism. There are multitudes of them, among metropolitan speakers, preachers and newspapermen. The man who mentions only Fascism and ignores the reds is saying exactly what the reds want him to say. It matters not at all to us, as Americans, whether he be fool or knave. Class him as an enemy. Fascism has never arisen, anywhere in the world, except as the desperate expedient of a people tortured by the excesses of a communistic regime.

Read with much suspicion the new periodical "Ken." Its first three issues have been as arrant an outpouring of communistic sophistry as these eyes have had the misfortune to encounter in many a year. The Postmaster General forbade the mailing of the third issue, as obscene. Communism printed on coated paper is none the less

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communism. Gilbert Seldes has described the editorial policy of "Ken" as "one step left of the center." It would be more accurate to write: "one step left of the truth."

Hemingway

Ernest Hemingway, who along with William Faulkner discovered that the more obscene language that could be crowded on a page, the more a certain element of prurient publishers and public would pay for his trash, is now again with his fellow reds in Spain. He serves up the "heroism" of the scum of the "International Brigades" ad nauseum in the columns of the once respected New York Times. Hemingway fancies himself as a maker of epigrams and affects to despise the Latin races. See "Farewell to Arms." In Madrid, so one of his adorers relates, he unburdened himself of the following gem: "Dying is the easiest thing to do. There's nothing to it." Looking back over the complete worthlessness of Hemingway's literary efforts, we are tempted to ask: "Have you ever tried it, Mr. Hemingway?"

Fish Story

Congressman Hamilton Fish, whose patriotic impulses alternate with excursions into the left, has introduced a bill to outlaw private armies, which are defined as any assemblage of five or more persons, who are organized, hold meetings, possess uniforms, drill or hold [illegible]

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that propaganda with excellent material to deceive American citizens and focus their attention on the antics of the Bund while the communist prepares for the Red day. Congressman Fish lacks his thinking cap. We recall to his attention the Sullivan Law of New York. Possession of a firearm without a license is punished by a year's imprisonment. Excellent theory, abysmal failure in practice. The law-abiding householder is forbidden the protection guaranteed him by the Constitution, the habitual criminal mocks at law and carries arms as before. So with Mr. Fish's private army bill. It will be used by "liberal" law enforcement officers to destroy patriotic organizations; we would not be surprised to see the La Follette Committee attempt to use it as a weapon against the American Legion. But the communists, who defy all laws but Stalin's, except when they whine for "free speech," will proceed secretly and speedily to recruit their Red Guards and Young Pioneers in our cities. Mr. Fish is doing a disservice to America and should withdraw his bill. Write or wire your protest to the Honorable Hamilton Fish, House Office Building, Washington, D. C.

Jersey City

This column's first contribution to WISDOM concerned a red invasion of Jersey City; we return to the theme. On May [illegible], after inhaling the [illegible] Norman Thomas decided to invade Jersey City, where reds are not wanted and not pampered as they are on the east bank of the Hudson. Remember the story of the mouse in the cellar, licking drops leaking from the wine barrel? After the heady draught he stood erect, beat his narrow breast and squeaked: "Where's that blank, blank cat?" Jersey City law, confirmed by the Supreme Court of New Jersey, requires a permit before a speech can be made in a public place. [illegible] a minute after he had set foot on Journal Square, he was en route to the Hudson ferries [illegible] about the Constitution which he had sneered at that afternoon [illegible] when the decision of the Jersey City police had upheld the law.

Red and Yellow

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WISDOM

The Catholic Front

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SACRIFICE

Ashen with sin, the world will not repent,
The nations face each other full of hate.
Give us—against our will—a heart of Lent,
Oh Lord! heed not these mountebanks who prate
Of 'Places in the Sun' and 'Rights of Man,'
Of all the vain, self-glorifying gauds,
Contemptuous of Penance and the Plan
Of Sacrifice, by which Man fitly lauds
Thy Mercy in his utter helplessness,
Thy [illegible] to his puny littleness—
[illegible], contrite, of honor shorn,
We [illegible] before the holy Crown of Thorn.

—David French Paul

A MARXIST IN CITY HALL

Simon Gerson is an avowed follower of Karl Marx.

Simon Gerson is an avowed disciple of Nikolai Lenin.

Karl Marx said: "God is the enemy of the Proletariat."

Lenin said (we quote exact words): "We deny all morality. For us Morality is subordinated to the Proletariat."

We who still believe in God object.

We who still believe in Christian Morality object.

We object to a Godless and anti-moral Marxist drawing pay from money furnished by Christian taxpayers.

We object to the existence in municipal office of Simon Gerson's boss, Stanley Isaacs. Stanley Isaacs won't discharge Gerson. Stanley Isaacs replied to the American Legion that, in his opinion, Marxism is not "subversive."

We, who are Christians, say that a philosophy which denies God and denies Christian Morality is the most subversive thing under the sun.

We Christians of New York City say that it is abominable that followers of Marx and Lenin should hold municipal office in New York City.

The Gerson question has brought two elemental forces into direct opposition.

It is either we or they—

It is either the followers of Christ or the followers of Marx.

—David Gordon.

RELIGION COMES FIRST

[illegible] and rulers of the universe seek TRADE, TEMPORALITY, and [illegible]. But CHAOS is the outgrowth thereof among the sons of men.

[illegible] wealth DISMANTLES the SOUL of its genius [illegible] VIRTUE.

[illegible] for a man's life [illegible] IN THE ABUNDANCE OF THINGS WHICH HE POSSESSETH.

[illegible] TRADE AND CHAOS [illegible] MOGULS OF MAMMON [illegible] TO SERVE THE OTHER OF A [illegible] EARTH. And the wealth they deal in is [illegible] unto the storing of VIRTUE [illegible] with Him.

[illegible] RICH QUARREL WITH POOR and DESPOTS [illegible] PEASANTS the heavens darken and a VOICE from above says: [illegible] SHALL BE BROUGHT TO DESOLATION [illegible] SHALL FALL.

—John F. Daniels.

Free Speech in Jersey City

A Defense of Mayor Hague

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CIO Not Denied Headquarters

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IS PEACE POSSIBLE?

New Alignment of Nations

By ARTHUR A. [illegible]

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Jewish Influence on Communism

Statistics Show Small Percentage Responsible

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The Love of Man Which Is Not Implemented By the Love of God Is A Lie

—Paul Claudel

... work and rehabilitate them and conserve their skills. That was then, and always has been the prime purpose of the Theatre Project."

It is easy to agree with Hallie Flanagan that this was the prime purpose of the Theatre Project but it ...

News of May 2, 1937, and which stated that "selection of casts for its more than 150 companies, discriminates against the legitimate profession in favor of left-wingers, amateurs and graduates of Little Theatre groups with which Mrs. Hallie

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THE RIGHT SIDE

By JOHN EOGHAN KELLY

As used by our self-styled liberals and intellectuals, "tolerance" is a weasel word. Analysis shows that we "tolerate" evil and vice, not good or virtue. He who says "we should listen to radicals, we should let them preach their doctrines in this country and in our schools, for that is tolerance," is playing Stalin's game. That he may be doing so ignorantly, in his self-satisfied smugness, will be no excuse on the day of reckoning. Ignorance of the law is no excuse. The line must be drawn between red and white, and all those on the red side, whether soft-headed pinks, parlor intellectuals or realistic communist party members, are equally our enemies. Boring from within is treason to any genuine concept of Americanism. To such deluded "liberals" we commend Stanton A. Coblentz' "Compromise" from the New York *Sun*:

"He who makes common camp
with serpent foes
To thwart their venom, dies
beneath their blows.
When crystal stream and muddy
river merge,
One turgid, yellow current
seaward flows."

The *United States News* of Washington is authority for the statement that the State Department recommended the recogni-

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... mortality, according to James H. Leuba, ... of psychology at ... lege.

Writing in the ... the Survey Graphic, ... that "to the rank ... churchgoing people ... distressingly small ... yet the correspond... among men of scien... inquiry in 1933 w... less: 35 per cent for ... cent for immortality ...

Dr. Leuba points ... worthy "the con... figures for belief in ... for belief in God" ... vealed by his study.

"One should note ... "the large proportion ... have not made up ... immortality: 25 per ... doubtful of the ex... number only 7 per ...

Dr. Leuba's survey ... the answers to a qu... to bankers, business ... and writers appea... Who."

And yet some den... is increasing!

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"Down with C...

The "Stop Hitler" ... able for many things ... shocked at the mock... ler were equally di... section of paraders ... unison "Down wit... Church!" The Churc... by Communism and ... God it has no brie... does pray that God's ... day prevail.

15%!

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED
DATE 5-31-?? BY [signature]

It is learned that some "Bund" leaders are in the "refugee racket"—they guarantee to bring refugees to this country for the mere trifle of 15% of their assets. Of course, 15% makes it hardly worth their while!

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tion of the Christian Government of Spain, but that recognition will be deferred, "because Mrs. Roosevelt objected." We are not aware that Mrs. Roosevelt was elected to public office, or given veto power over our foreign policy. If correct, this intervention comes with singularly bad grace from one who is currently exhibiting in the Corcoran Art Galleries in Washington the Goya prints presented to her by the communist-anarchist Negrin regime.

An entire issue of WISDOM could be devoted to the journalistic vagaries of the New York *Times*. About a year ago, Mr. Arthur Hays Sulzberger, in an address at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, proclaimed the impartiality of his paper. In face of the *Times'* partisanship in Spain, of its stubborn defense of the Guernica-bombing lie, this was hard even for pinks to swallow. It may be significant that Mr. Sulzberger changed his tune considerably during the past year and in his address recently at Rollins College, defended the right of a newspaper to present its own point of view. A gain in frankness, certainly to be applauded. But there is a limit to which editorial credence or prejudice may be stretched, beyond which it becomes sheer effrontery. Thus for instance, the *Times* recently presented to its readers, in a box on the front page, a lie conceived from whole cloth, to the effect that Generalisimo Franco would demand return of Porto Rico. The editor who authorized that insertion knew there was no truth in that story; the only result is to increase the discredit of the *Times* among thoughtful Americans. Is the *Times* so great a partisan of radicalism that it will stop at no outrage upon the truth to serve its cause?

The *Times*, together with all the rest of the pink press, burst into its largest headlines when the Department of Justice undertook the trial of alleged German spies in New York. The defendants were tried and convicted in the newspaper columns in advance. But when the State Department initiated the Robens case, and when the Soviet spies were tried in California, where were the scare headlines, Mr. Sulzberger? When the Red spies were convicted the *Times* carried its partisanship so far that its story announcing the conviction carried the word "spies" in quotation marks, a frequent newspaper dodge to cast doubt upon a statement. Here the *Times* was attacking the judgment of the State Department and of the court.

Where is Lawrence Fernsworth now, who represented the *Times* in Barcelona during the first two years of the war and filled the cables with false stories of "Nationalist" atrocities, which the *Times* wished to publish on its front page, though they were [illegible] and could not have escaped an impartial editorial blue pencil? Is it true, as we have heard on the highest authority, that the *Times* was presented with proof that Fernsworth accepted pay from the Red propaganda office in Barcelona while on the *Times* payroll? That the *Times* was forced to drop Fernsworth but has lacked the moral courage to make the matter public, thus continuing to [illegible] the [illegible] dispatches?

Perhaps the *Times* has not lost circulation by its attitude. But we notice that the official Communist organ, the *Daily Worker*, lost money last year. Can it be that its readers have gone over to the *Times*?

A programme for reconstitution of Americanism is badly needed. Our attack on communism must be positive as well as negative. In addition to revealing the aims of the reds, we must present a programme for the restoration of normal conditions in this country. A rallying call to the American people will provide for this reaction. [illegible] programme [illegible] [illegible] of our national [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] long range course of [illegible] the best interest of the majority of our people. THE RIGHT SIDE will [illegible] in [illegible] of WISDOM [illegible] their [illegible] so as to [illegible] of such a programme, which can be presented to the country as a non-political platform of Americanism, upon which all elements of our population can unite to restore America to the dream of the Founders.

going at this hour?" She replied, "I'm going to pay a little visit." It was the dinner hour. She was half a mile away from home. Every day that young girl leaves high school and walks many city blocks out of her way to "pay a little visit" to the Sacrament in Church. As I walked away from her I said, "[illegible] I have to lecture tonight in New York for the Knights [illegible] [illegible] for me." Why did I do that? Because her purity, registered in her face, portrayed in her demeanor, reminded me of the impurities of my life before I became a Catholic. Her purity and my impurity. I thought of the years as an atheist when my conscience was dulled to all the higher aspirations of the soul. I thought of how many years it had taken me to "unlearn" the false philosophies. I thanked God for "the gift of faith." I thanked Him that there came a time when conscience was awakened. Then I thought of what this girl was giving up for [illegible] what [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and what [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with [illegible] has been [illegible] [illegible] for [illegible] outside. Higher [illegible] What would we call that if we did not call it GOD?

For when we contemplate the intelligence behind our creation, we find no solution without the recognition of a higher intellect, a greater will and a perfect consciousness, which we realize to be that of a Supreme Being. When we contemplate ourselves, we find that we cannot understand ourselves, but

"We are bound by gold cords
Around the feet of God,"
Our Creator, our Guide, our Father and our Friend.

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By JOHN EOGHAN KELLY

Herbert Benjamin, speaking for the Workers Alliance, announces that his organization will embrace the Townsend Movement as part of a double barrel led, communist-led assault upon the public purse. Mr. Benjamin, a leading light of the Communist Party, is further quoted as stating that the leadership of this union of the unemployed will be greatly strengthened when "many leaders who have been fighting for democracy in Spain" return to this country. Is it therefore possible for a radical to leave the United States, serve a foreign government in defiance of our statutes, return here without penalty and resume his place on the relief rolls? Are these war-hardened "leaders" to weld the Workers Alliance into a fighting machine for riot and insurrection

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as part of the general communist plan to seize power in the United States?

The Honorable Newbold Morris, as these lines are written, Acting Mayor of New York, has discovered a Federal statute providing fines and imprisonment for wearing of a foreign uniform illegally in this country. There are other similar provisions outlawing alien uniforms. We trust that Mr. Morris' tardy zeal may be directed not only against the German-American Bund, which apparently motivated his discovery, but equally against the "Abraham Lincoln Brigade" whose members wear the uniform of Red Spain while soliciting funds on the streets of New York. By what process of reasoning does the City of New York accord these mercenaries the status of legitimate collectors for a recognized charitable cause? Is there any accounting of the funds collected?

A committee of prominent American citizens, men and women, sponsored an Americanism meeting in the Seventh Regiment Armory, New York, on February [illegible]. The attendance of [illegible] testified to the awakening interest of the people in the defense of Americanism. It is the more regrettable to have to record, therefore, that at the last moment, when the arrangements were complete, the representatives of the Governor of the State and of the Mayor of New York made great efforts to stop the meeting. It will be recalled by our readers that this same Governor and Mayor refused to remove the confessed communist Simon Gerson, from his municipal appointive office.

Prior to the war in Spain the Popular Front Government worked intensively among the young pilots in the Air Force converting them to communism. So well was the devilish work done that when the National Movement started, seventy percent of aviators remained with the Reds. Here we have heard that as part of the suddenly projected vastly increased programme of national defense, 20,000 civilian aviators will be trained to serve in the armed forces in case of war. Curiously, these young men will not be trained, we are told, in the excellent schools of our Army and Navy, but by the National Youth Administration. Witnesses have testified under oath, and we have not seen a denial from Mr. Williams, that he is a member of the communist party. A parallel with Spain?

It would seem that there is trouble enough in this world without its deliberate fomentation. Mrs. Sinclair Lewis, who is better known as Dorothy Thompson, invaded a meeting of the German-American Bund, where she was neither invited nor wanted, conducted herself in a disorderly manner, calculated to offend and start trouble, and was lucky to be escorted from the hall by ushers and police. We hold no brief for the Bund, which we consider unAmerican and unwanted here, but it was no exercise of free speech to invade the Bund's meeting and create trouble. It was plain hooliganism. Miss Thompson, who was expelled from Germany for associating with undesirables, and has hated Germany ever since, has distinguished herself in the Spanish war by articles which are false to the point of mendacity. If this statement is disputed we can cite chapter and verse from the columns of the Herald Tribune [illegible]. Lately she has descended to the radio, justifying, [illegible] the cowardly murder of an unarmed diplomat, and raising a fund for the murderer. Such conduct is beyond the pale, and brings the newspaper profession into disrepute.

The white light that beats upon a throne also imposes a standard of conduct like unto that of the [illegible] of Caesar's wife. Mrs. Roosevelt has recently accepted (with great pleasure) from the Red Spanish Ambassador a set of Goya prints. These prints were not the property of the Red Government, but were made from stolen plates and materials. [illegible] widely commented upon and must have been known to the recipient. We trust that Mrs. Roosevelt will return them to [illegible] the Spanish people.

The [illegible] [illegible]

By All Means Let Us Have War

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This Independent Communist group is not a Trotsky-defense group, it points out. It is not aiding in a Trotsky vs. Stalin controversy; nor

associates of Lenin, who now enjoys a paradoxical and dual position as the Saint of Red Square; if his aids stand trial for what they did as his cohorts, then he, too, in death bears the stigma of Tsarist friend, fascist ally and enemy of Red Russia. But this is heresy. Is not Lenin, Lenin?

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JOHN P. JACOBS
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— SPAIN —

By JOHN EOGHAN KELLY

Among the questions most frequently asked by audiences at talks on the war in Spain is: what is the reason for such a wave of hatred in this country toward those Spaniards who are defending their country against Communism? Can it really be that Americans, including many well known in the arts and professions, are so easily influenced by red propaganda? Can these professors, congressmen, musicians, writers, all be Communists at heart?

The Church Is Their Target

Let us face this thing squarely, for like every other international phase of the Spanish struggle, it is essentially an American problem. In the millions of words that have filled the press, the air, since July 17, 1936, the animus or sincerity of the apologists or enemies of Communism has been evident. But what is the prime motivation of these signers of mass protests, these ranters from dissenting pulpits, these volunteer radio Bryans? Let us leave aside for the moment the confessed Communists, and those mercenaries who propagandize for hire, pocketing Stalin's and de los Rios' gold. Examine carefully the lists of these facile signatories. What is their most compelling reason, what is

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mic Guarantee of Human Liberty"

—Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, Ph.D.

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their interest in a nation where 99% of them have never been, whose language and history is to them a sealed book? Hatred for Fascism, which they cannot define? Hatred for General Franco, whose policies they ignore as blandly as they do the facts of the war in Spain? Not at all. Their hatred is founded on a deeper, older feeling: bigotry. They hate Franco and Nationalist Spain because they are Catholics. And they hate Franco no more than they hate Catholicism in the United States; when Earl Browder's dreamed-of day comes, they will be found fighting shoulder to shoulder with the doctrinaire reds, not because they love Communism the more, but because they would sacrifice all that we as Americans hold dear if they can destroy the Church of Rome. No other reason can explain the shameless perversions of the truth to which they so willingly resort to blacken a cause that is as just as man ever defended. Catholic Americans must realize that they, as well as Nationalist Spain, are the targets of this envenomed propaganda, and that if they would preserve our American form of government, the sanctity of home and religion, they MUST fight back.

Know Your Enemies

"But what can we do?" Plenty. First of all, know your enemies. It takes only two minutes a day to clip from your daily papers the "Loyalist" propaganda. Underline the names of speakers, writers, "veterans of the Abraham Lincoln" battalion (red is an appropriate color) and file them away. A large envelope or a pasteboard box will do for the outset. Once a month look them over, note how the same names reappear. As they become more familiar you will note their other activities in the press. You are gradually learning to distinguish the names of America's enemies. Discuss them with your friends, your clubs and societies. Some of them hold public office. You have votes. Some of them teach in school or college. Your societies can make effective protest. Some of them are in business. Take your trade elsewhere.

And examine yourself. How many of the acquaintances that you welcome in your home express subversive opinions? Do you pride yourself on being "broadminded," on "hearing all sides"? When bigots take the floor, are you silent? If you invite radicals to your home, you should in logic import rattlesnakes. At least the snake gives warning before he strikes. In the crisis that is approaching, that the reds are frantically accelerating, no man can remain neutral. He must choose between civilization and Stalin. If you will not fight, in word now, in deeds if need be later, you do not deserve to enjoy the freedom that past generations died to establish and to preserve.

The press reports [illegible] that "a foreign army" fights in Spain. But not the army they name. It is not the 40,000 Italians, the 6,000 German technicians with General Franco that prolong the agony of the Spanish people, it is the Russian-directed international force that has seized part of Spain and now fights with its back to the wall, that is the intruder in Spain. The staff of that army arrived in April, 1936, before the war started. The apologists for the "red government" have repeated incessantly, mendaciously, that "not over 12,000 to 15,000 foreign volunteers" serve Barcelona's Soviet. Let us, in the immortal phrase of Al Smith, "look at the record." On February 2, 1938, there were in Nationalist prison camps the following members of the red International Brigades: French, 5,475; Rumanians, 1,202; Czechs, 2,773; Belgians, 982; British, 250; Americans, 275; a total of 12,475. So that if Matthews and Fernsworth tell the truth, all of the foreign "volunteers" with the reds are in jail—where they should be.

Work of the Volunteers

But this is not all. After February 2, in the battle of Teruel, the foreign brigades lost 7,000 men; in the subsequent Aragon drive, 37,000 more foreign reds were killed, wounded or captured. Here we have over [illegible] foreigners accounted for in 1938 alone. In July, 1937, there were in action in the Spanish red armies 45 International Brigades with an average strength of two battalions of six hundred men each. This total of 54,000 effectives did not include the Russians in Spain, estimated between twenty and twenty-five thousand. The first "volunteers" reached red Spain by train from France in July, 1936, and the stream has never dried up. Great numbers have been killed, some by red firing squads for mutiny or attempted desertion. The total number of the foreign army in Spain has exceeded [illegible]. The war would be over now except for the International Brigades officered by French and Russians, directed from Moscow, supplied, paid and fed by France and Russia. Search for these figures in your newspaper; ask yourselves why the papers that grow imbecile with rage over the Barcelona air raids made no protest when the population of Barcelona stabbed, burned, drowned, shot and beat to death thirty thousand of their fellow citizens in July, 1936. Can you avoid the answer that it was because it was Catholic priests and laity who were slaughtered then; that it is the red cause that is endangered now?

PURGE

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April 1938

January 1939

Je Suis Partout

THE RIGHT SIDE

By JOHN EOGHAN KELLY

FREE SPEECH?

(From a handbill sent through the mails on November 29th)

Demonstrate Sunday, December 4th, 1938, in front of the Brooklyn Academy of Music against the PRO-FASCIST CONGRESSMAN MARTIN DIES and PRO-NAZI FATHER CURRAN Chief Speaker at the recent pro-Nazi American Patriot Mass Meeting at the Commodore Hotel.

Join with the AMERICAN LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND DEMOCRACY in a concerted effort to shut-up forever these unAmerican and anti-Semitic orators.

Open the door to refugees from Nazi Germany!

From the above and other recent utterances of the lunatic fringe, we gather that only

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"Fellow Travellers"

1939

The Nazi exce... in Germany, ... the killing of ... Paris, aroused ... of condemnation ... has seldom ... times. ... unanimous. ... phere of our ... longer charged ... rudely and ... well try to ans... query, why ... harsh and ... comparatively ... The expression ... many persons ...

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communists and their tools may demonstrate, orate, use the radio and the press, parade and bring pressure upon the Government. The Americans have only one privilege left: we pay the taxes.

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The American Federation Against Communism, Inc., has been formed to assist all patriotic organizations and individuals in coordinating the fight against the [illegible] of Marxism. Headquarters have been established at 48 West 44th Street, New York, where inquiries are invited. This organization and its affiliate, American Patriots, Inc., of the same address, now publish a leaflet listing all patriotic meetings scheduled for the forthcoming month. This is a most valuable catalogue of events deserving the attendance of every patriot. Copies may be obtained upon request, and organizations wishing to list their lectures and meetings are invited to write.

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The recent trouble in Germany, infinitesimal compared with the mass terror and massacre perpetrated by the Reds in Mexico, Spain and Russia, has given the communists a wonderful opportunity to pose as Americans. Everywhere they are arranging "protest meetings" and appearing on the same platforms with "innocents" and others carried away with the emotion of the moment, who in calmer times would not permit a communist within shooting distance. The patriotic mask is most welcome, now that Congressman Dies has shown them in all their tawdry motley of lies, deceit and hypocrisy. Doctor Johnson said that patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel.

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Among the aliens now preaching "democracy" to us and instructing us how to combat Nazism, with never a word against communism, is "Dr. Kurt Rosenfeld, former Prussian Minister of Justice in the German Republic." Fine feathers make fine birds, but Rosenfeld's ephemeral presence in the Prussian Ministry, if indeed authenticated, was during the Red occupation of Germany, before the German people threw off the octopus represented by Rosa Luxembourg, Karl Liebknecht, Walter Rathenau and Mathias Erzberger. A Department of Labor with respect for the law would deport all such agitators.

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Messrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt and Anthony Eden, statesmen whose close [illegible] and connections [illegible] radicals, are reported in the press to have agreed, during Eden's secret visit to the White House, that a victory for General Franco would be inimical to American interests. A victory for General Franco is a victory for peace, freedom of conscience, Christianity, equality before the law, work, charity. The alternative is a Spanish Soviet, dominated by Moscow, a peninsula drenched with the blood of new massacres, Christianity extinguished, communist agitators exported by thousands to subvert Latin America and bring communism to the Western World. Sometimes we wonder what language statesmen speak.

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It is vitally urgent that all Americans loving their country and determined to protect it from all communists, whether they be in Union Square or in Federal Departments, support the demand upon the new Congress that the Dies Committee be continued with the same mission and personnel and with largely increased funds to expose the red conspiracy completely. To date the Committee has done excellent work, but has only scratched the surface. It has shown by these tests the vast extent of communist infiltration; the squeals of rage and anguish from the Departments of Labor and the Interior show the accuracy of the Committee's findings; the whole truth must be laid bare. Unless Congress is impressed with the people's determination that the Dies Committee shall not be tampered with, the New Dealers will whitewash the investigation, if they cannot kill it outright, by appointing leftist Congressmen, perhaps Dickstein and Marcantonio, to besmirch the record and vitiate the probe. Write at once to the Constitutional Educational League, 15 West 44th Street, New York, for a copy of a petition form. The League has collected over 200,000 names to December 15 and has set a goal of a million, for which a nationwide campaign is under way.

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Major General George Van Horn Moseley, U.S.A. (Retired), whom many informed persons look upon as the leader of Americanism in a future emergency caused by communist arrogance, during his recent visit to New York spoke to several large audiences and achieved the largest type the communist "Daily Worker" has employed in months. "Treason," shrieked Moscow's organ when the General dared to speak more plainly than our homegrown [illegible] politicians. When an American is accused of treason by a communist, then indeed is the world turned upside down. The reds are engaged in a [illegible] effort to destroy or "neutralize" all present or potential patriotic leaders, against the day when [illegible] the communists have forced upon this country, but we doubt it. [illegible] to conscience, easy.

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...Federal Theatre Project.

As a result, there is [illegible] on the Federal Theatre Project. The young man who is the Director of Labor Relations on that project is in a dither. He wants to know "who gave out the information about the Federal Theatre Project?"

Who gave out the information? Right here the facts in...

...lations on that Project, is a young man, wholly without experience for his job and therefore coming smack up against something pertinent, he is indeed in a dither. I, being basically kind-hearted will here and now tell him who gave out that information.

By a well clocked count it is found that just about fifty per-...

...jected to the meanest kind of discrimination, they have something on their minds, and not being dumb, either in the slang or dictionary sense, they have come by the scores bringing this information piecemeal—always accompanied by proof, because this unobtrusive writer has learned that sometimes, un-

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HITLER ADVANCES RED CAUSE

BY ARTHUR A. MULLIGAN

While Rabbi Wise's editorial opinions are many times at variance with our own, we think he's got something when he says, in effect, "Hitler's actions may in the end destroy Hitler, but they will never destroy Jewry."

Of course official Germany denies responsibility for the latest atrocities against the Jews, but it is a common fact that the Hitler [illegible] occasionally indulges in extra-curricular sorties of his own, knowing that a fat rabbit will bring an appreciative pat.

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THE RIGHT SIDE

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Politicians are our pet peeve. The American Legion in New York State has addressed open letters to Gubernatorial candidates Lehman and Dewey, asking whether, if elected, they will appoint communists to office. Both radiate righteousness in their replies. Lehman, who vetoed the bill to drive the communist Gerson from his post on the payroll in New York City, vies with Dewey who has never denied the charge of the County Commander of the Legion that as part of the price for American Labor Party support in his race for District Attorney, he appointed fourteen communists to his staff and has them there to this day. Gas masks seem in order for the harried citizen these days.

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Franklin and the Jews

Reports have been widely circulated for several years, off and on, saying that Dr. Franklin made a speech during the Constitutional Convention against the Jewish race. The purported speech is printed, and said to be quoted in full, from a "private diary" kept by Charles Pinckney of South Carolina, who was a fellow delegate with Franklin at the Convention in 1787.

But...

December 1938

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On November 5th Miss Leni Riefensthal arrived from Germany bringing with her films of the last Olympics, in which United States' athletes played prominent and winning parts. American picture companies also took films of the games but obsessed by the boycott, they so "cut" the films as to exclude all crowds, major events and all interest. The apparent intent was to convince American cinema audiences that the games were a failure, attended by no one. If for no other reason the German films, which are of a high order of technical skill, should be shown here. Miss Riefenstahl is an accomplished actress and has proven talent as an executive. Yet before she had landed, another of the politician breed, Representative Andrew L. Somers of Brooklyn, wired Miss Perkins, demanding that that friend of reds prevent the German visitor from entering. There is no evidence that Miss Riefenstahl has any designs on Mr. Somers or on what the New Deal has left us of our liberties. Since Mr. Somers has constituted himself so officious a guardian of the American people, it would be interesting to learn if he wired Miss Perkins to deport the Duchess of Atholl, when the latter, a confessed, nay, boasted, propagandist and fund seeker for the communists of Spain, was here in September. If he did not, and we have been unable to find any evidence that he did, Mr. Somers' motives must remain in question. There are no two ways about it. One who fulminates against Nazis and remains smugly silent when Reds appear, cannot appear on our list of patriots. The enemy is communism. Fascism has never appeared in any country on earth, *except after and as a reaction to the excesses of the Reds.*

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The crying need of the hour is the consolidation or co-ordination of patriotic groups to present a united front to the red enemy. Our multitude of small earnest groups do not possess the power, finances or influence to reach those who need to be convinced. A tremendous amount of duplication is involved in the literature alone. A central bureau could [illegible]

[illegible] name and address of your group.

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Write the Constitutional Educational League, 15 West 44th Street, New York, for a copy of their newspaper, "Headlines," invaluable as a source of authenticated anti-red material.

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We are touched indeed by the solicitude of communists for the safety of American interests in Latin America. On one hand they applaud Cardenas and his fellow radicals when they despoil our investors in Mexico, for foreign investment is "imperialism" and must be abated. On the other hand they point accusing fingers at alleged—and imagined — European intrusion into South America, declaring that the southern hemisphere is our "sphere of influence." The suspicion arises that these gentry are not so obtuse after all, and their policies not contradictory. They would destroy the holdings of Americans in Mexico, because by doing so they are weakening their class enemies in this country. It is one form of warfare, crippling the opponent's pocketbook. But they urge capitalist America to fight Europe for South America's markets, because they intend, when they have taken over this country, to sovietize South America also, and American trading connections will prove means of infiltration.

One of countless articles and books that pour from radical pens to convince credulous Americans of the dark doings of the "Fascists" is that of Carleton Beals, acclaimed by some nameless reviewer as "the greatest expert on Latin America." Beals knows some parts of Latin America. He arrived in Mexico City breathless and penniless after the passage of the Selective Service Act in the World War, joined with Lynn Gale in anti-American propaganda, drawing a salary from the sovietized Mexican Department of Industry, Commerce and Labor. After the end of the war and the passage of amnesty for draft evaders he returned to this country as an "expert" and has since written books showing as oblique a point of view as that of Diego Rivera, currently Trotsky's host in Mexico. Beals has been the associate and companion of American-haters and communists in Latin America, here and in Europe. He was expelled from Honduras and Guatemala [illegible] we should defend Latin America against Fascism.

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We are strongly in favor of a [illegible] Army and Navy, for we shall need more [illegible] than the New Deal [illegible]

Hitler Advances Red Cause

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feel sure that this most recent outburst was promulgated and executed by a small minority of the German people. In many places men and women who protested were beaten and trampled. It takes a brave person to fly in the teeth of a crazed mob. Others who might have raised a dissenting hand stood by in shocked silence when they saw the treatment accorded the more hearty.

Mankind just isn't built to wholesale massacre. Despite the vivid press descriptions, it is difficult for the rest of the world, especially Americans, to imagine such atrocities taking place while the police stand by, unable or unwilling to help.

Red-blooded Americans, I mean real Americans, not Communists or Socialists, not professional anti-Nazis or puttering women "progressives," not harum-scarum radicals from City or Brooklyn Colleges, not these, but real lovers of liberty, are voicing their protests in no uncertain terms.

Nor do I mean Dorothy Thompson, who has harbored a vindictive and vengeful personal affront since Hitler tossed her out of Germany. Miss Thompson is raising a fund to defend the Polish youth who caused the latest trouble by assassinating the third secretary to the German consul in Paris.

It need scarcely be pointed out that Miss Thompson's strictly one-sided humanitarianism and personal hatred are obscuring her reason. Assassination in any sense of the term is murder. And just how the murder of an obscure undersecretary of the Reich could benefit the world is something that defies analysis.

Were an American statesman killed, scant consideration would be shown the assassin, as in the cases of Huey Long and Mayor Cermak. Yet Miss Thompson at this writing already boasts an eight-thousand dollar fund to obtain the foremost French criminal lawyer in defense of the admitted assassin.

No, when I say real Americans, I mean those with no political or racial prejudices and with no personal insults to work off. I mean public, not paid, opinion.

Hitler has gone far, flaunting his Swastika in the face of the world. But each step brings him nearer that inevitable end. If Russia were paying him to advance the Red cause he could succeed no better. He has done more to incite hatred against fascism than all the propagandists who have been at work in this country for the last decade.

People are fed up with Soviet propaganda. The law of diminishing returns is taking care of that. But a greater force will take care of Hitler.

shall need a strong Army; an Army sworn to uphold the Constitution. We heard during the last war that the "Germans would invade us." Now from our study of the German military establishment we know how ridiculous that story was. Sir Gilbert Parker and the other British propagandists who spread the stories smiled at our gullibility. When the surrendered German fleet was examined at Scapa Flow, it was found that no permanent bunks or lockers had been provided for the crew. This meant that the fleet was designed for North Sea (coast guard) service for a few days' voyage only. It was never intended for trans-Atlantic use. So today, there are not enough [illegible] in all Europe to land half a million men simultaneously on our shores, as must be done if any landing were to succeed. [illegible]

"I AM THE KING'S GOOD SERVANT, BUT

The complexity of the Talmud is further increased by the fact that it is not all intended to be of the same character or authority. In form, it has two general divisions, the Mishna, or collection of decisions in regard to certain points of doctrine or practice, and the Gemara, or commentary thereon. Many a Mishna of five or six lines is accompanied by fifty or sixty pages of explanation. Usually the Gemara presents the appearance of a boundless sea of discussions, digressions, narrative and legend, wherein the Mishna, awaiting explanation, is completely submerged. There is no order, and often no connecting links, and the opinions of many learned rabbis are interspersed with popular material drawn from legends and tales. For example, a typical passage from the Mishna reads as follows: "During what time of the evening is the reading of the 'Shema' begun? From the time when the priests go in to eat their leaven (Lev. xxii, 7) until the end of the

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THE RIGHT SIDE

By JOHN KEOHAN KELLY

Titled Reds

Her Grace the Duchess of Athol, Member of the British Parliament, currently honors our shores and the snobs crowd to kiss her garment. The Duchess is a propagandist coming to these shores avowedly to raise money for use in Red Spain. Has she registered with the State Department under the Foreign Agents Act? Her act is an old one, all of the stale and false eulogies of soviet Russia and soviet Barcelona. "From fifty-two countries came men to fight for democracy in Spain" proclaims the Duchess unblushingly. The Duchess has written a book: "Searchlight on Spain." An odd searchlight, magic lantern rather, in whose

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By ARTHUR …

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GOOD FRIDAY SHOULD B…

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says all things red become white as snow. The Duchess proclaims it is our duty to aid Red Spain; let us ask the Duchess a question, which she will not answer.

"Your Grace, when your Committee for Aiding Children in Spain had all of Catalonia to choose from in locating hospitals and asylums, where you could have selected a village far from the war, why did you select a building beside the railway station in the crowded town of Puigcerda, the bottle neck through which come the military supplies to the Reds from the 'closed' French frontier? The railway and the railway station, with its tracks packed with munition cars, is a legitimate military objective for air attack. It could not be that your Committee, even the communistically inclined, would gamble with the lives of children to protect the Red munitions? If Puigcerda were bombed and children killed, you would not have screamed to the world of 'atrocities' in which your Committee was at least accomplice before the fact?

Your Grace, we await your answer.

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American Stalin

America's little Stalin, Comrade Earl Browder, has been inspecting his domain on the Pacific Coast and heartening his commissar, Harry Bridges, threatened with deportation by the Dies Committee and the American Legion. All is serenity in the great man — we nearly said "soul" — but of course good communists have long since dispensed with such bourgeois trappings. To a closed meeting of the communist party, at which however undercover observers were present, he boasted:

"The communist revolution in the United States, which we have nosed so far into the federal Government that we control it. The only phase of the proletarian program remaining to be accomplished is the purge of class enemies. There will be no General Franco in this country, for we have located and neutralized him."

Brave words, Comrade, incautious words. Napoleon III also boasted in 1870, that his army was ready to the last gaiter button. And as to your confidence in our lack of a leader, when the crisis comes almost any part of Vermont may furnish the man who will provide your Sedan, Comrade.

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One of the most heartening events in many a day in this land was the speech of General George Van Horn Moseley, on the event of his retirement from the Regular Army in Atlanta in September at the statutory age of sixty-four. Here is a leader to be worried about, Comrade Browder.

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Warning

THE RIGHT SIDE serves notice on the Federal Writers Project that if Mr. Edwin Banta is dismissed from his employment because of his testimony on communism before the Dies Committee, whether medical hocuspocus is used as an alibi or not, a hornets nest will be stirred up that even Aubrey Williams may not be able to calm.

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Paradox

The Reverend Herman F. Reissig, Dissenting clergyman who is Executive Secretary of the North American Committee to Aid of Spanish Democracy (sic) has frequently denied in the press and elsewhere that his Committee is red or red-controlled. In a letter written by the same Dr. Reissig to the international committee for aid to Red Spain, in Paris, dated in July, 1938, it is stated that among the affiliates of the North American Committee are "The Communist Party" and "The Young Communist League." Dr. Reissig also speaks approvingly in the letter of the work of the communist-controlled "Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Battalion."

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Radio Station WHN, dial 1010, nightly except Wednesday at 11 p.m. offers an hour of Spanish music and news.

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Ask your newsdealer to display THE PATRIOT DIGEST, a new magazine devoted to Americanism, appearing in condensed convenient form articles of importance to all those engaged in combatting communism. The first number will appear in October.

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Fawning

Hollywood groveled before the Legion ... [illegible]

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to fight this good and peaceful battle" ...

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NO MAN CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS

WHY STALIN STANDS TO WIN

Communism Still Far From Moribund

EDUCATION WITHOUT GOD

The Threat to Democracy

By HON. JOHN A. MATHEWS

The time has come in America for the teaching profession to ... of the charge frequently leveled against it, that some ... philosophy of education ... in the teaching profession ... the positive banishment of God and God-given morality from the philosophy of American education is making America a fertile field for the infiltration of the cardinal idea of Communism, that religion is the opium of the people.

ETHICS OF THE BOYCOTT

Catholic Teaching

Why Be Neutral?

By ARTHUR A. GILLIGAN

College Students Do Not Want War

The Neutrality Question

THE RIGHT SIDE

By JOHN S. RYAN

Trotsky and the Godless

Speeding the Parrot-Guest

A man named Kuhn
Cannot too soon
Leave these bright shores
For the Reich he adores.

Christian Mobilizers and the Ku Klux Klan

A FOOL HATH SAID IN HIS HEART, THERE IS NO GOD

THE RIGHT SIDE

Intolerance

Only the "Fit"

A "Patriot"

undertook to supplant the existing leadership and make himself supreme. Research has shown that this "patriot" of unbridled tongue was but recently a communist and contributor to red magazines. There are those who consider him agent provocateur.

Why Be Neutral?

Jocist Convention Postponed by War

Thousands Disappointed

Protect Our West Coast

October 1939

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of their executives attempted to buy the film, "Spain in Arms," to destroy it; they "did not want such a film shown in this country." Such blatant hypocrisy does the film industry no good.

The Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt overlooked the dictates of diplomatic usage in releasing his message to Chancellor Hitler to the press before it had reached Berlin. Yet when Mr. Roosevelt unilaterally cancelled the air mail contracts and ordered the Army to fly the mails, resulting in the death of 12 Army fliers, and Colonel Lindbergh protested, as he had every right to do, the White House refused to receive his letter on the ground that the press had seen it before it reached the President.

[illegible] phase of the [illegible] is [illegible] in Mondanne [illegible]: "The Communist is the rat. Fascism is the [illegible]. Keep out the rats and we'll have no need for the [illegible]."

[illegible] May Day, this column has witnessed two parades on [illegible] side of the Hudson [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] the Army [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] Hughes, [illegible] [illegible] Square and General [illegible] [illegible] Day [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] World's Fair [illegible] in New York, through the heart of the city [illegible] to the Army Day parade [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] followers of the Hammer and Sickle [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] their milk and water slogans and speeches to [illegible] [illegible] were [illegible] by [illegible] [illegible] on the sidewalks [illegible] [illegible] that the reds [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] than the [illegible] [illegible] no doubt the New Deal [illegible] equipment [illegible] the "people's" [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] American flags, but the comrades on the sidewalks did not [illegible] or salute. In [illegible] as in physical appearance, the Red marchers had nothing in common with Americanism. Their [illegible] liberty has no place in this Republic. An American administration would have de-nied these alien-minded troublemakers a permit.

The City of New York, with some nudging from the Warner Brothers, has passed a municipal ordinance outlawing the wearing of foreign uniforms. We applaud the letter, but what of the spirit? Directed against the German American Bund, it must as a law, be applied to all. Yet one week after its enactment the uniformed mercenaries of the "Abraham Lincoln Brigade," late of Red Spain, strutted their communist uniforms in the May Day parade without interference from Mr. La Guardia or Newbold Morris.

Upon excellent authority we are informed that Bela Kun (nee Aaron Cohen) the Red dictator of postwar Hungary, organizer of revolution for Spain, who was in Spain in the [illegible] of 1936 [illegible] for the [illegible] in the United States, has been [illegible] in New York and Cleveland. Miss Perkins, if she is aware of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Harry Bridges [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Secretary of Labor [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] country in the purge of class enemies. Bela Kun is the professional wholesale purger.

Merwin K. Hart, Chairman of the American Union for Nationalist Spain, has written, and Messrs. P. J. Kennedy have published "America Look at Spain," a factual account of Mr. Hart's visit to Spain in 1937. It presents a clear picture of the conditions in Nationalist Spain in war time, as seen by an American viewing Spain at first hand and for the first time. Mr. Hart's report is of value to all lovers of truth and he is to be thanked for his contribution to the cause of civilization.

"I LIKE AMERICA"

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DEMOCRACIES WOO THE SOVIET

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A FOOL HATH SAID IN HIS HEA[RT]

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ATHEISM MARCHES ON

World Union of the Godless in London Sept. 9-13

The World Union of Freethinkers was created in 1936 at Prague, and is the amalgamation of TWO ANTI-RELIGIOUS INTERNATIONALS—(1) The International Federation of Free Thought, created in 1880—this group is mostly intellectual with strong anti-clerical basis—(2) The Proletarian Freethinkers International created in 1925 under direct control of Moscow.

This Congress is part of the propaganda of the Godless to SPREAD ATHEISM and to strengthen the militant atheists' united front and to form a kind of "anti-religious front" under the control of Moscow.

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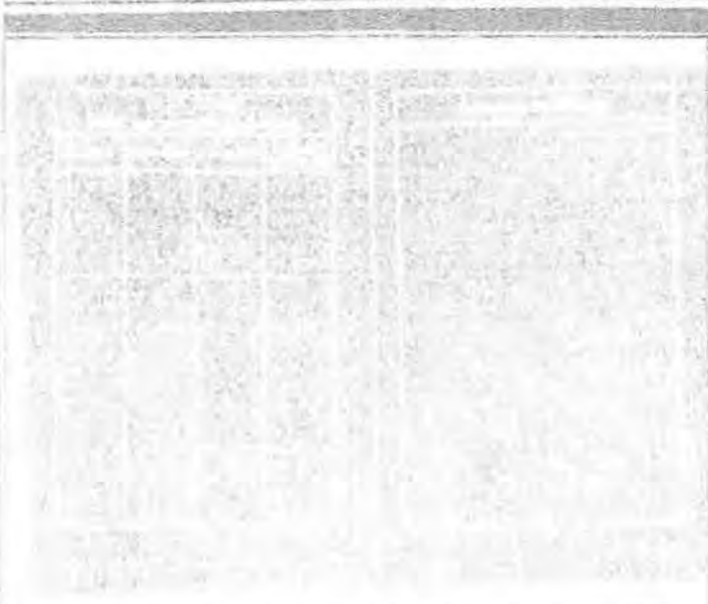

Photographic Reproduction of Communist Party Due Book

IS W.P.A. POLITICAL FOOTBALL?

Employees Compelled to Seek Aid Through "Worker's Alliance"

By Special Correspondent in W.P.A.

All men without jobs, having no source of income such as insurance, bank accounts, property, etc., and unable to find work, being citizens, are eligible for work on the Works Progress Administration. They are placed, as far as is possible, at their most suited work. They are given notice that they must report at a given hour and finish after eight hours of work. They shall work five days each week unless they belong to the class known as "laborer." They shall work a given number of days each month.

White collar workers, so called, work thirty-nine hours each week, with salary according to their title. Eligibility for the above requires a condition known as "Relief Status" with the [illegible], with the exception of 5% of workers known as "Essential Non-Relief."

WPA ADVANCES SELFISH INTERESTS OF SMALL CLIQUE

Workers Age Reveals Injustices

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[illegible] experience [illegible] every person, in fact, who believes that [illegible] should be [illegible] of the [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] of [illegible] of the great majority of the people.

These words are [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible] which were [illegible] 15% and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] they are always talking in Washington.

These brutal wage slashes, bring-

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THE RIGHT SIDE

By JOHN VOGHAN KELLY

"Mayor LaGuardia Voices Horror Over Bombing of Open Cities." Thus the headlines. Somehow we are getting a little tired of the crocodile tears of politicians. When did Mr. LaGuardia voice horror or concern or sympathy or interest over the cold-blooded, deliberate murder of 400,000 Spanish civilians? Every word the far too articulate Mayor says is served up in headlines. But does he speak only when communism be communist-dominated regimes are in danger? Does he not realize that his encouragement of communism in New York City, his tolerance of the Isaacs and the Gersons, is contributing to bringing to these shores exactly the conditions that lead to the bombing of cities in civil war? Shouting about bombings in Asia and Europe and studied silence about the communist mess in his own official household is a bit too thick.

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A gentleman with the initials H. B. writes this column from Philadelphia with some heat, demanding to know, after reading THE RIGHT SIDE on the Jersey City situation, why "some Jersey City Catholics make war on the C. I. O.," which he says has the approval of the Pope. Assuming that he refers to us as Jersey City Catholics, we must state that our religious affiliation is Presbyterian. We do not intend to discuss religion in this column or elsewhere. We do intend

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Youth Congress Objects to Mention of God

Significant is the report from the World Youth Congress of the objection of some of the delegates to a specific mention of God. In the preamble of a statement drawn up by a Committee of Fifteen some members wished to substitute "religious convictions" for "God". Although their objections were finally overruled, the deduction is obvious as to trends in the rising generation.

Unjust Discrimination

It follows that all are equal to all intent and purpose as far as qualification to [illegible]

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DIES COMMITTEE REVELATIONS

Facts Long Suppressed Are Brought to Light

ARTHUR A. [illegible]

The Dies House Investigating Committee in its probe of Communism, struck an alarming note into many circles where the possibility of a "revolution" was treated lightly and openly scorned. Even close observers of the Moscovites' nefarious checker game, with the workers as pawns, found many revelations of an eye-opening nature.

Just how far Communism has impregnated itself in this country the Dies Committee comprehensively disclosed. To what extent it will ultimately attain, none can be certain.

Exposures

Definite it is, however, that no matter how much the Reds try to camouflage their activities under peaceful banners and slogans, their final end is bloody revolt and seizure of the government by force. Indeed force is the only means open to them for sooner or later they will have to discard their placards and come out in the open. Never will they attain a majority, in this or in any other country in the world, for the very idea of Communism goes against the grain. Hence their continued existence is predicated upon illegal seizure and dictatorship. There is dictatorship in the Communist party in the U. S. today, wherein the members must follow without question, without a vote, without a rational doubt or a dissenting voice whatever the party line dictates.

The Dies Committee has done much to explode the masquerade that has

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Adult Education for Democracy

Study of Cooperatives by WPA Advocated

JOHN E. [illegible], M.A.

Democracy must be stabilized by education. The people need constantly instruction on the benefits and obligations of popular government. Unless they are kept aware of the greater good in democracy, they may choose a more efficient, less free, form of government. This danger of poor choice is more imminent during a depression. During hard times, therefore, more and more [illegible] be offered.

[illegible] minds of [illegible] W.P.A. Adult Education [illegible] employ teachers and [illegible] are those of the still [illegible] be sure, [illegible] of the [illegible] them, we may [illegible] Directors of Adult Education

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EXTRA!

As we go to press, a despatch from England [illegible] huge procession of men in three English dioceses [illegible] by Cardinal Hinsley. The procession will be held [illegible] ber 18 in London in silence, with no music, no [illegible] onstration, as a solemn act of reparation to Almighty God for the insult of the Anti-God Congress. The [illegible] close with solemn benediction and act of reparation. Cardinal Hinsley and others have vainly striven to keep this [illegible] Godless Congress out of England. The Godless Congress will be held in London during the week of the procession.

THE TRUTH ABOUT THE WPA

Don't Fail to Read Every Issue of Wisdom. The Latest Developments in the WPA Will Be Told.

AN INSIDE STORY

God is the final goal

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MMUNISTS FAVOR WAR

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its spokesmen if it really desires to shake off the Communist tinge. The organ of the CIO Warehousemen's union is openly soliciting financial aid for the Communist International Brigades, publishing editorials calling such subscriptions "A Duty and a Privilege." A facsimile of a "certificate" is reproduced, which is given by "The Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade" to anyone contributing one hundred and twenty-five dollars to the friends of Stalin in Spain. A copy of this appeal is now in the hands of the Dies Committee to investigate un-American activities.

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ment. Some day our undeveloped intellectuals will learn that the world did not begin with Lenin and Hemingway. Readers may enforce their own censorship by letters to the offending papers, by cancelled subscriptions, by protests to advertisers. In numbers, these will be listened to. It may lie within the Tribune's mission to advance radicalism, but it is merely silly to permit its London correspondent, Joseph Driscoll, to call General Franco "an upstart rebel general" (H-T 28, August, 1938). The master of four-fifths of Spain enjoys the devotion of his people, or he would not be in Burgos; none of Mr. Driscoll's red comissar friends in Barcel-

…RISY NO LONGER CONCEALED

…time it has been evident that radical leagues for peace and other camouflaged associations who cry for peace are really agi-…

…to intrigue the United States into taking sides with the Soviet… The Stalinites are making determined efforts to whip up a pro-…

…efront of the jingo forces are to be found the Stalinites and their …izations, such as the American League for Peace and Democracy." …Worker" urges the United States to act.

…paradoxical to cry for peace and at the same time abet war.

…Marxism

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"Exposed" by …cker

WHAT IS THE TALMUD?

A Christian Scholar Explains

By JOSEPH N. MOODY, Ph.D.

In the arsenal of the anti-Semite there are many weapons, but none is used more often in attacks on the Jewish people than the Talmud. This mysterious title is quoted knowingly by street-corner orators who treat it as a reliable friend that can always be called upon to prove the malicious intentions of modern Hebrews; and the ever-growing pages of inflammable anti-Semitic literature contain many references to its evil character and its supposed assaults upon humanity and Christianity. It seldom occurs to us to ask what is this work which is so frequently on the lips of the enemies of the Jew, and how far is the claim justified that it reflects a bitter hostility to Christ and Christianity. It is the purpose of this article to attempt a simple answer to these two questions.

The name Talmud primarily means "teaching," and it is applied today to that part of the Jewish tradition that is contained in two great compilations which were produced in the rabbinical schools of Palestine and Babylonia after the fall of the Jewish kingdom and the dispersion of the people. The re-

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THE RIGHT SIDE

By JOHN EOGHAN KELLY

Our comissars are very gentle now. "Peace and Democracy" are their watch- [illegible] pacifist jargon is new in their mouths, sometimes their tongues slip into the old habits. The Socialist Labor Party distributed a four-page leaflet in New York on August 26th. No doubt the editor nodded, for there was the familiar language antedating the Popular Front:

"The program of the Socialist [illegible] cialist Republic, the Social Order where the Political State is overthrown."

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THE CIO is badly served by

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IN THIS ISSUE

FOR ITS EFFECTIVE EXPOSE!

In 1934, two years prior to the present civil war in Spain, Moscow financed a communist uprising. In the Asturias this was particularly bloody, the Soviet flag waved over scenes of murder, arson and pillage. The leader was Gonsalez Pena, who dynamited the branch of the Bank of Spain in Oviedo, killing scores of victims in nearby buildings. Captured, he was sentenced to death for murder and bank robbery by the Government of the Republic. His Popular Front friends secured reprieves until they took power, whereupon they pardoned him. This criminal and felon is now MINISTER OF JUSTICE in the red government in Barcelona! Our immigration laws forbid the entry of foreigners convicted abroad of crimes involving moral turpitude; who remembers Countess Cathcarth? But when Gonsalez Pena arrived late in August, he was not sent to Ellis Island. Accompanied by his secretary, an embezzler who murdered his employer, he was royally received. It was announced that John Lewis would welcome him in Washington and that he would be taken to the White House. In New York he was the guest of honor at a great banquet, presided over by David Dubinsky, the CIO leader, Presidential elector and ex-convict. Gonsalez Pena is en route to Mexico where on September 6 he will take part in forming a Pan American communist confederation of labor unions. It is understood that the meeting has the blessing of Mr. Lewis, who may be present. The Pan American labor confederation [illegible] can-owned property in the southern republics.

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Senator Minton of Indiana is wroth at the press, because a portion thereof exposes the faults and errors of the radicals now in power in Washington. He would muzzle the press for the benefit of the New Deal. Much is wrong with the press to be sure, but official censorship is not the remedy. Communism and the United Front have made great inroads into what was a citadel of Americanism. To judge this it is only necessary to watch the neck and neck race to the left between the Moscow organ, "The Daily Worker," and the once conservative "New York Herald Tribune." If a book review in the Herald Tribune had a good word to say for an American hero, the presses would stop in sheer amaze-

…ona were elected to office.

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The "refugee conference" in Evian has adjourned with nothing accomplished. The public has grown weary and cynical toward the endless conferences of diplomats, invariably staged in luxurious and picturesque sites. The press reported in many columns the cream puff speeches of the robots present; it providentially overlooked the only real news coming from Evian: Soviet Russia, the self-proclaimed friend of the unfortunate, the protector of the oppressed victims of "Fascism", the possessor of a great portion of the world's habitable surface, refused to attend the conference and declined to take a single refugee! Why were there no recriminations from our humanitarians! Are they all members of the American League for Peace and Democracy and dare not risk offending Stalin?

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The latest "boring from within" of the Spanish communists in this country is the campaign to send "food ships" to Barcelona. Enormous signs in Times Square and elsewhere feature the name of an Episcopal Bishop and others as heading the campaign. A despatch in the "New York Times" for August 24 reports:

"There is no fear of starvation (in red Spain) nor any disastrous effect on the civil war."

The red aim is plain. In the words of J. B. Matthews, ex-communist who testified before the Dies Committee, a fresh crop of "innocents," as the real reds sneeringly call their dupes, will pull communist [illegible] Neutrality Act, and pave the way for communism in this country. When that day comes, their "innocence" will be no excuse. The "food ship campaign" is the idea of Ernst Toller, who will manage it from Barcelona. Toller, who has been bootlicked by our self-proclaimed intelligentsia, is a renegade German, former communist member of the Reichstag and one of the red leaders in the bloody Munich rebellion of 1919. The writer saw in Europe last year a draft of a manifesto in Toller's handwriting, addressed to the red mob in Munich. It contained the pregnant sentence, "When the German Army comes, burn all the houses, *except the banks*." The red leaders intended to loot the banks themselves before fleeing. Strange what soiled doves all those defenders of Stalin-style "democracy" are!

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated April 12, 1951, with enclosure, has been received and I appreciate the thoughts which prompted your writing me in this regard.

Whenever in the future you obtain data which you think might be of interest to the FBI, it is suggested you may desire to communicate with the Special Agent in Charge of our New York Office, 607 United States Court House, Foley Square, New York 7, New York.

I am enclosing some material which I thought you might like to have.

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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CC: New York, with copy of incoming

ATTENTION SAC: Correspondent enclosed a copy of the "Economic Council Letter" dated 4-5-51 which is published semi-monthly by the "National Economic Council, Inc. Empire State Building, New York 1, New York." This particular letter is captioned "Crime —— And Crime."

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F. B. I.
Washington 25
D. C.

Gentlemen:-

I received the enclosed by mail. And you may or may not have received a copy.

The tirades are sufficiently vindictive, in my opinion to denote more than an anti Democratic attitude.

Whether the people back of this are Communistic or subversive of course I do not know.

Any here it is for your information and for such action as you see fit to initiate.

Very truly yours

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April 1, 1951

Crime—and Crime

Several Federal investigations, notably the Fulbright Committee investigation of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and the Kefauver Committee investigation of crime, have been producing results that ought to be startling. Television has brought these investigations home to multitudes of people as no other means of communication has done.

The RFC investigation has shown that loans have been made for all sorts of purposes, some clearly bad—indeed, fantastic. It has furnished one more illustration of how, when huge sums of money are to be spent, cunning and crafty minds are quick to see the possibilities of making an easy dollar—or $10,000, or a mink coat. Unscrupulous persons may or may not have kept within the letter of the statute, but they have violated both the moral law and important standards of decency.

There is agitation in Congress now looking either to the drastic trimming of the powers of the RFC, or the substitution of a single head in place of a five-man board, or the abolishing of the RFC altogether.

There are probably six and a half million citizens of the United States holding public office, federal, state, and local. Most of them are honest, and trying to do a worth-while job. But some of them, including not a few in high places, are short-sighted, over-ambitious, greedy, cynical, and selfish.

Back during the war, we were picked up once in the outskirts of a city of a hundred thousand people by an automobile driver who happened to be a government official. He had been asked to pick us up by his companion who recognized us. He still had four vacant seats in his car, and in those days it was common custom among civilians to stop and offer anybody a ride. At each red light bus stop on the five or six miles into town, invariably that driver would face a waiting group, any of whom would have been glad of a lift. He turned and looked them over as dispassionately and objectively as one would look at a zoological specimen. It never occurred to him to offer any of them a ride.

So it is with many persons who get on government pay rolls. And perhaps this makes it easier to understand why some of them can engage in crooked work to advance their financial or other selfish interests. They feel apart—they *are* apart—from the great mass of Americans in competitive life.

This does not mean that there are not in private life some who are just as self-centered.

But perhaps never before in our history, certainly not in many decades, has there been so high a percentage of greedy, grasping, callous-minded men and women on our public pay rolls.

The Crime Investigation

The Kefauver crime investigation has gone deeper. It has disclosed an extent of crime that even the best informed and most cynical did not suspect. It has turned up evidence that suggested, if it did not clearly indicate, that some prominent public officials, both in and out of Congress, have in some way or other been tied in with the operations of criminal gangs—gangs that promote and protect gambling, narcotic traffic, prostitution, robbery, and even murder itself.

Some prominent, and in many ways excellent, public officials benefited through campaign contributions from criminal sources, though such sources may not have been known to the officials themselves. But the fact that such contributions could find their way into campaign coffers is one more indication of the low point which public morals have reached.

A book called *Washington Confidential*, by Jack Lait and Lee Mortimer, well-known as editors and columnists, is today being widely read. The first 150 pages or so deal with the seamy side of personal morals in Washington. Even though this part reflects true conditions—and the authors unhesitatingly assert it does, yet they have made this part of their book, to weak minds, a convenient and inviting guide to sample the flesh-pots of Washington.

But the second part of the book deals with the crime probe. The authors assert, in substance, that the Kefauver investigation was suggested to the mind of Senator

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Kefauver of Tennessee by reading a former book of theirs called *Chicago Confidential*. In fact they say in *Washington Confidential* (page 194) that Kefauver's resolution to set up the committee "was prompted by what we had discovered and published."

Following the invariable rule in the Congress, Senator Kefauver, having offered the resolution, was made chairman of the committee. Curiously enough, instead of the two minority members of the committee being appointed by the Minority Leader, it was provided in the resolution that the Vice-President should name them. This, as Messrs. Lait and Mortimer point out, "was unprecedented. Minority Leaders always choose their own committee members."

The purpose of this provision, say the authors of *Washington Confidential*, was to leave out Senator Homer Ferguson of Michigan, considered the most effective Republican investigator in the Senate.

Senator Kefauver and his committee began courageously. News reports made it [illegible] the investigation found vastly more than Senator Kefauver expected. Testimony, later contradicted, that an ex-Mayor of New York received $10,000 from the Firemen's Association, and that this Association distributed a total of some $55,000 in other political campaigns for the purpose of buying good-will, was only part of it.

Moreover, questions were raised as to the source of substantial sums which allegedly went into Senator Tobey's campaign for reelection—and Senator Tobey is a member of the committee. Conceivably this could have happened and Senator Tobey could have been ignorant of it. One of the names of persons alleged to have contributed to Senator Tobey's fund was "M. Lowenthal," and the question has been raised as to whether this contributor was Max Lowenthal, an adviser and friend of President Truman who was questioned last autumn by the House un-American Activities Committee.

Now the interesting thing about the Kefauver disclosures is that many public officials, including many in Congress, seem to have no desire to continue the investigation. Instead there is talk about the setting up of a permanent committee that will "study crime"—a Presidential National Crime Commission. There seems to be a disposition to play down what has been uncovered, and pursue it no further, just as unpleasant subjects are quickly dropped in polite social conversation.

But this is not a private party. The Kefauver Committee has probably got nearer to the fundamental *reasons for our national deterioration than any* congressional committee in eighteen years. For clearly there is much that is rotten in our body politic.

And the reasons for it?

1. Fantastic sums of money available for spending;
2. Recklessness of many (by no means all) high officials;
3. Greed of criminal and semi-criminal elements among the population;
4. Willingness of a multitude of otherwise decent citizens to keep still and be satisfied to "get theirs."

All these have brought public morals in the United States to a new low.

Korea Offers Quite a Contrast

And [illegible] of spending and waste and of crime are continuing, the luckless 250,000 Americans now fighting in Korea and the fine, but even more luckless 50,000 or 60,000 who have become casualties, form, indeed, a strangely contrasting picture. The war in which these men are fighting is no less a war because it is "undeclared" or is just a "police action." These *men who have gone to this war*, and those who are being sent every week, are faced with continuous and frightful dangers.

Yet here at home these two *investigations* show that extravagance, dishonesty, debauchery and crime are rampant in many parts of the United States. And the Administration that got the American people into the far-Eastern war has, by its inaction, condoned this crime at home.

It is understandable that some in both Houses of Congress do not want this investigation to go on. How many of them can truthfully say that their election campaigns were not tainted by criminal or underworld money or criminal connections? That might conceivably happen to some of the best men in Congress, unknown to themselves.

Clearly the investigation of crime should go on. The Congress may not be able to pass much legislation that will *deter* crime—that is the function of the states and municipalities. But no state or locality can conduct an effective investigation of crime across state borders, nor one that will attract the attention that can be obtained by a congressional investigation.

This investigation should go on, no matter whom it hurts. Only moral regeneration can save us as an independent nation.

Senator Kefauver, in a speech March 27, said that the Congress could not take adequate action—that only citizens themselves could do that.

With this we agree one hundred per cent. Yet nothing but a thorough, honest congressional investigation can possibly give citizens the ammunition they will need in their fight.

As this is being written the Senate has extended the life of the committee for thirty days. But this is not enough. It should be extended for the life of the 82nd Congress, [illegible] January, 1953.

Another Kind of Crime

We have been speaking of domestic crime—of gambling, bribery, and of crimes of violence up to and including murder.

But while this domestic crime wave appears to have been rising steadily and to have reached a tremendous volume, there has been going on another kind of crime even more disastrous to the lives and fortunes of the American people and to Christian civilization everywhere. And this greater crime permitted domestic crime to flourish almost unnoticed.

This other kind of crime is that which has been perpetrated by the United States Government in the international field. It led to World War II. It produced the Korean War. It is leading to World War III.

Lawyers speak of treason as the highest crime known to the law. It surpasses murder itself, since the national

results of treason are wholesale murder of our own citizens.

The Roosevelt and Truman Administrations, under which has happened this enormous increase in domestic crime, have been responsible for a concurrent growth of international crime.

For in all truth and seriousness the acts and omissions for which these two Administrations are responsible are nothing short of criminal. If they were not so, then words no longer have their plain meaning.

Under the Truman Administration and at the instance of vindictive elements of our population, the Nuremberg trials took place, and men were hanged on the ground that they were "war criminals"—one of the crimes being that they had brought about war.

But this is precisely what the Roosevelt and Truman Administrations have brought about. It is precisely that of which they are guilty.

Nineteen years ago this country and its people were relatively well off. To be sure they were emerging from the most severe economic depression in the country's experience. But they were emerging from it. The turning point, as records clearly show, was in June of 1932.

Then the Roosevelt Administration came in and the President, in spite of his pledges to cut Federal spending 25 per cent and to keep America American, fell into the hands of an internationalist crowd. Under the spell of this group, in the space of 100 days, laws were passed that went a long way toward transforming the country into a socialist regime.

In 1933 Roosevelt took the first step away from the traditional foreign policy of the United States by recognizing the Soviet Government of Russia. That put Soviet Russia on the map internationally. From 1933 on, the record is unbroken of Soviet Russia's successful infiltration of our country looking toward its conquest by force—which Soviet leaders had long openly said was their objective.

If a private citizen were accused of aiding and abetting a known criminal to gain entrance to a private house, as a result of which he stealthily removed valuable articles, the person who permitted him to gain entrance could be prosecuted for crime. He would be an accessory before the fact.

Mr. Roosevelt, during the first four and a half years of his Administration, was inclined to steer clear of foreign entanglements. But commencing with his so-called "Quarantine the Aggressor" speech in Chicago in 1937, he began a series of steps that eventually took the United States into war.

And he did it stealthily, secretly. He lied to the American people about what he was doing. In his reelection campaign of 1940, after he had secretly taken steps that committed the nation to war, he told the people "again and again and again" that their sons were not to be sent into any foreign war. Extracts from Mr. Henry L. Stimson's diary show that the policy of the Administration during the fall of 1941 and down to December 7 was to force Japan to fire the first shot in a war.

It is now well-known, from a number of sources, that Japan was ready and eager to avoid war with the United States. But Roosevelt had to have his war. It remains strange that General Marshall, in sworn testimony before the Pearl Harbor Committee, still could not remember where he was on the evening before Pearl Harbor, the evening which has well been called "the most important evening in his life."

Speaking still on Japan, it is now well-known that the Japanese were vainly trying to persuade the Administration to let them surrender before we dropped the bomb at Hiroshima, and before the Russians came into the war for a few hours.

The other various international crimes that could be listed would be long indeed. Roosevelt practically throughout his Administration consistently favored Soviet Russia, the sworn enemy of the capitalist system and hence of the United States. His mind, childlike in many ways, seemed fascinated by the fact he was dealing with an Eastern tyrant. To him there was something exotic about it. If he had been seeking actively to carry out Stalin's will, he could hardly have done more than he did.

What Roosevelt Did

Thus—

He joined with Stalin against Churchill in deciding not to strike at Hitler through the "soft underbelly" of the Balkans, but through France. The invasion of the Balkans would have prevented the present domination of Central Europe by Soviet Russia.

He surrendered completely and unnecessarily at the Yalta Conference, with the result that the United States betrayed Poland and China to Soviet Russia. Even he must have suspected there was something shameful about these surrenders, for he caused them to remain secret for a long time. The defense of Poland was the pretext upon which Britain entered World War II in 1939; and it was to stand by Britain in her dangerous position that Roosevelt took the United States in two years later.

Similarly, the maintenance of the open door in China had been the pretext on which we went to war with Japan. So the Yalta Conference by itself constituted a complete surrender of the fruits of victory to Stalin.

He gave, or acquiesced in, orders that held back, or even caused the retreat of American troops in Germany when the Germans wanted to surrender to us. If he had not issued or acquiesced in these orders, Soviet Russia would not today be in control of a substantial part of Germany.

He authorized the policy of vindictiveness against Germany—the so-called Morgenthau Plan. As a result of the substantial carrying out of the Morgenthau Plan, the destruction of much of Germany was assured, though Roosevelt must have known that Germany was the only possible bulwark in Europe against the hordes of Soviet troops.

He fathered the infamous UNRRA, headed first by Herbert H. Lehman and secondly by the late Fiorello LaGuardia, and under whom some three billion dollars were spent in Europe and elsewhere, mostly in aid of the building up of our arch enemy Soviet Russia. And in 1940, before we were in the war, he begged Stalin to accept American Lend Lease, which ultimately reached a total of eleven billions.

What Truman Has Done

The Truman Administration carried on the Roosevelt policy of completing the destruction of Germany; and, in addition, of making loans—which were in fact gifts—of many billions to the Socialist Governments of Britain and France, in both of which countries Communism or its twin brother, Marxist Socialism, had a strong hold.

The Truman Administration consistently affronted and insulted the Franco Government of Spain, although that Government, with some half million well-trained troops, could furnish the strongest possible force in all Europe—if the Administration really desired to defeat Soviet Russia.

Under the Truman Administration a huge amount of American military matériel (estimated by Mr. Alfred Kohlberg at 35 billions) was secretly and wantonly destroyed.

Under the Truman Administration the power of the Chinese Nationalist Government under Chiang Kai-shek was unrelentingly undermined through the traitorous action of American officials.

General Marshall, sent as a special Ambassador by Mr. Truman, withdrew aid from Chiang Kai-shek because the latter refused to include Communists in his Government. This business of a non-Communist Government being persuaded to take Communists into its cabinet has been standard Communist procedure in such countries as Poland and Czechoslovakia; and such course has always preceded the complete taking over of the country by the Communists. So our representatives were the complete dupes of Soviet Russia.

In the present war in Korea, the purpose or advantage of which does not appear, the government of Chiang Kai-shek offered to furnish a number of divisions of troops; but this offer was rejected. Down to this very day the American forces have been refused the right to bomb military installations in China, with the result that General MacArthur has been forced to fight, as has been said, with one hand tied behind his back.

These are some of the crimes committed under the present and preceding Administrations. Bad as the domestic crime record is—and no one underestimates its evil—these international crimes are vastly worse. They could result eventually in the killing of a substantial part of the American population and the complete enslavement of the rest.

And yet these crimes seem to continue. The same kinds of men—indeed, in some cases the same men—responsible for them are still in positions of importance and influence in the American Government.

Are the gangs that are responsible for the domestic crimes connected in some way with the gangs responsible for the international crimes?

We welcome what the Kefauver Committee has so far done. We believe that the Congress could make no greater mistake than dropping the investigation where it is. America will never be safe till the truth has been brought out about all crime, domestic and international, but especially about the criminals who have lied us into foreign war and foreign entanglements that will bring future war.

But citizens must have the facts first.

Let this Senate investigation continue to the very end. Let it look not only into domestic but into international crime. Let it probe to the very bottom.

Then the American people can be depended upon quickly and thoroughly to clean up the mess.

Merwin K. Hart

President,
NATIONAL ECONOMIC COUNCIL, Inc.

CORRECTION

There was a typographical error in the first column on page 2 of Letter 259 of March 15. A sentence read:

"But this country prospered as no other country has ever prospered during the thirty or forty years when the Constitution was strictly followed by the Executive. . . ." This, of course, should have read:

". . . during the one hundred and thirty or forty years when the Constitution was strictly followed. . . ."

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Empire State Building
New York 1, N. Y.

April 4, 1951

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Your columnist, Walter Winchell, on several occasions recently has made false statements about me. No one of them may seem particularly important, judged by itself. But together, they constitute a consistent plan to discredit me and the National Economic Council of which I am President.

For instance, in his column of December 4, 1950, he said: G. I. R. -3

> "...Hart's new daily pal is ex-Cong. J. Parnell Thomas, recently unclink'd."

I have met Mr. Thomas perhaps four or five times in my life. I have not seen him, nor communicated with him directly or indirectly for several years - in fact, not since long before he left Congress.

Winchell, in his column of April 2, 1951, said:

> "Merwin K. Hart is using the freight elevator at his edifice to dodge subpena servers."

Ten regular elevators serve the part of the Empire State Building in which my office is. I do not even know where the freight elevator is, though I understand there is one, and hence obviously I have never used it.

Snide remarks like these, utterly false and obviously made up by Winchell to make what he thinks will be good reading, are in line with many of his remarks and innuendo, and disclose a clear intent to damage.

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Sincerely yours,

Merwin K. Hart

President

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TO: WALTER WINCHELL (A)

SUBJECT:

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FROM: MR. LAIT Intell Document Stall

Mr. Helm says that we apparently have not stepped over the line with this man, but if we ever do give him an opening, he will have a terrific backlog to prove malice. Putting us on repeated notice makes this more dangerous. He suggests that we be very scrupulously careful to make no tangible misstatements about this party, or any word or words actionable per se, such as "rat," "skunk" or the like.

JACK LAIT

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Your letter dated December 30, 1951, with enclosure, has been received and I appreciate the interest which prompted your writing me.

While I would like very much to be of service, a policy of long standing holds the files of the FBI confidential and available for official use only. I am certain you will understand the reason for this rule and will draw no inference that we do, or do not, have the desired data pertaining to the National Economic Council, Inc., because of my inability to be of assistance.

Should you obtain material in the future which you believe might be of value to the FBI please feel free to bring it to the attention of our office at 100 Milk Street, Boston 9, Massachusetts.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover
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Gentlemen:

Recently we have begun receiving communications from this organization, without knowing exactly why we are on their list.

We are not sure whether an earlier and more bombastic piece of literature came from the same group or not,but we would appreciate knowing who this group is,by whome sponsored etc.

As you might suspect from our address we aren't wholly sympathetic with all aspects of a Democratic Administration,but some of this stuff seems a bit far fetched.

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Thanks for information received,----

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The Menace of the U. N.

The Road to World Socialism—and Communism

The American people by and large are an easy-going lot. They enjoy a degree of liberty and well-being not found anywhere else on earth. This is because under the Constitution, every individual has been free to imagine, to devise to build without let or hindrance.

But the "United Nations" into which we were brought by fraud and deceit, threatens to take away the liberty of all Americans to decide their own vital problems. A plan is far advanced that will take away their property, their liberty, and the very lives of many of them. The danger of our passing beyond the point of no return is already great.

We in N. E. C. have watched the U. N. at close range for five years. We have seen many of its staff come and go when they had offices in the Empire State Building. We have seen their chauffeured Packards, Chryslers and Cadillacs lined up outside this building.

We see the new U. N. building on the East River, aptly called by George Sokolsky "a tombstone," with its acres of tax-free property, free from all American law. Some of us have attended meetings of the General Assembly, Security Council and various Committees and have talked with many delegates.

We are convinced the American people don't want and don't need the U. N. It is a festering sore in our midst and a source of evil—an alien force planted in the very heart of New York.

The U. N. was formed supposedly *to preserve peace.* All problems between nations were to be settled through the U. N. But so far we have had *two wars* under the aegis of the U. N.—the Israeli-Arab War and the Korean War.

The U. N. is and always will be a menace to the United States. While outwardly Roosevelt led in forming the U. N. it is no more American than Roosevelt's consenting to the Morgenthau plan or his betrayal of China and Eastern Europe.

Continued membership of America in the U. N. will mean further and worse betrayals. Only these will be betrayals of the American people themselves.

America's Absurd Position

America's position today would be laughable if it were not so tragic. Under our private enterprise system the United States has half the world's production of goods. She has vast constructive genius, from which our relatively great plenty has come. Yet the U. S. Government is promoting a foreign policy that will destroy the independence of the Republic and place the 150-odd million Americans under the complete domination of a Socialist-Communist majority of nations.

Competent military authorities say that Soviet Russia could not take the United States in any foreseeable time. But the 14 men in the Kremlin are not relying on the use of force—not at least until American traditions and independence are so completely undermined or destroyed that little would be left for their military but a mopping-up. Soviet Russia, through those who fear her and through her own followers in many lands, is using the U. N. as a principal mechanism through which to accomplish the subjugation of the United States without the need of firing a gun.

Wake Up, America!

We say the American people had better wake up. Today the President speaks all too seldom of the United States. Newspapers like *The New York Times* and the *New York Herald Tribune*, the *Washington Post*, etc., likewise speak infrequently of it. Most of their talk and apparently most of their thought are about the U. N.

No other nation on earth takes such a position. Go to any other country in the world and you find that the talk and thought of its people are first of their own country, and of maintaining its independence. Britain refuses to come into NATO, for the very good reason she does not think it to be in her best interests.

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Yet our Government, and most of the vocal part of the American population, is talking and thinking of the U. N. This is the result of propaganda by the very forces that got us into World War II—and then threw away all the fruits of military victory.

Five Reasons Why U. S. Should Withdraw

There are five controlling reasons why the United States should withdraw from the U. N.

1. **The U. N. will never bring peace.** Probably the cunning minds that really devised it—not the dreamers like Roosevelt—never intended it should, except under a totalitarian world government.

Already the U. N., by the partition of Palestine, has caused war, and has alienated not only millions of Arabs, but 300 million Mohammedans formerly well disposed toward the United States.

Our participation in the U. N. undoubtedly led to the war in Korea, where nearly 20,000 Americans have died and at least 6,000 have been taken prisoners and executed. Not counting those executed, American casualties have exceeded 100,000. The executions, incidentally, followed the precedent set by the Roosevelt-inspired war criminal trials in Germany.

The U. N. never lifted a finger to prevent the seizure of Tibet by Chinese Communists. Tibet was seized after Korea, although the administration boasts that the action in Korea was a success because it stopped aggression!

After a U. N. war is started, the lives of Americans are thrown away, as in Korea, because the U. N. does not wish to *win* a war, nor to let the United States win a war, that would defeat Soviet Russia.

2. **Continuance in the U. N. will cost Americans their liberty.**

Already a state court in California has ruled that the U. N. Charter, ratified as a treaty by the United States Senate, invalidated the California Alien Land Law. Almost certainly the present Supreme Court of the United States will affirm this decision. This means that if we stay in the U. N., any federal or state law, or any state constitution (and probably any provision in the Constitution of the United States) will be nullified by any inconsistent provision of the U. N. Charter.

The U. N. is the father, actually or by adoption, of various movements known as the international alphabetical agencies. Much has been said about the Genocide Convention, which has now been ratified by 27 nations. Since the Convention provides that it will go into effect, impliedly throughout the whole world, when ratified by 20 nations, there is every indication that the United States will be deemed to have ratified it, *even if the Senate fails to act.*

Already the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has filed a complaint with the U. N. that the United States Government is not giving a fair deal to Negroes. A logical next step would be for the U. N. to tell us what to do about this thoroughly domestic question.

There is the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the General Assembly in Paris on December 10, 1948. This, if ratified by the Senate, would supersede the Bill of Rights of the Constitution and would become the supreme law of our land.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights is simply a guarantee of international Socialism, with all its "benefits" and all its costs. The peoples of other nations would enjoy most of the benefits, and the people of the United States would pay most of the costs. And in addition they would lose their liberty.

One of the staff of the U. N. told one of our officials that, because the United States is producing so much, it will of course be obliged, for its own good, to hand over generously to all other nations.

There is the so-called Right to Organize Convention. This would be the One World Wagner Act. It would regulate the relations between employers and employees everywhere. The Socialists of Britain and France and other European countries, not to speak of the Asiatic and other backward peoples would, through the U. N., dictate American labor relations. Neither our federal government nor the states would have any power in these matters inconsistent with the provisions of this Right to Organize Convention. It would encompass the "right" to appropriate in the name of "Labor" whatever property remained in private hands.

There is the International Trade Organization (ITO) agreement, which if ratified would put the regulation of American and foreign commerce in the hands of an international body, in which the U. S. would be a minority.

The adoption of these Conventions would mean that all laws of the American government and of the states, so far as inconsistent with these Conventions or of any provisions of the U. N. Charter, would be completely superseded. The American people would have ceased to govern themselves! All in the name of achieving peace!

Is that what the American people want?

When the U. N. Charter was being discussed in the Senate it was asserted by its proponents that it would not detract in any way from the liberty of the American people, except purely in defense matters. Today's developments show how false these statements were, even if those who made them believed them to be true.

When the NATO treaty was being discussed in the Senate, some of its proponents asserted that the United States would not thereby be committed to sending troops to Europe. This implied that prior congressional action would be required. But since ratification President Truman has assumed the right to send them without such action.

3. **The U. N. will be the arch mechanism for the bankruptcy of the United States.** This bankruptcy may take place through actual spending, or through

inflation, or through using up our natural resources. Probably all three would contribute a part toward the exhausting of the United States as a nation and a world power.

At the present moment President Truman has assumed to commit us, in addition to the Korean War, to sending troops to Europe and to sending well-nigh unlimited quantities of military matériel to Europe and to other countries.

The Communists have cleverly fostered the idea that the United States has "world responsibilities." Most of our intellectuals, and many even of our businessmen and ministers of the Gospel, have been taken in by the slogan. "Point 4" is to be a chief means of channeling away our savings.

4. **This U. N. is an intolerable thing in that its officials and its lesser minions enjoy extra-territoriality.** Their 18 acres in the heart of New York City is a nation within a nation. This nation within a nation is assuming to tell the American people and all the rest of the world what to do and how to do it.

We mentioned in Council Letter 220, Aug. 1, 1949, the case of a woman run down on Long Island by an employee of the U. N. It proved impossible for the injured person to get any redress—U. N. staff members are in a class by themselves. They can sue, but they cannot be sued in an American court—even on a contract.

The U. N. headquarters and all its agencies are infested with spies, and probably with saboteurs. The sub-title of an article in the *Saturday Evening Post* of Nov. 17, 1951, reads "There is a strong evidence that a group of Communist wreckers have penetrated the U. N. staff clear down to the level of junior typists and janitors."

5. **The Washington Administration, chiefly, of course, the State Department, holds that we, having ratified the U. N. Charter, must get permission for any action we take in international affairs.** We are no longer free to protect our own citizens abroad—one of the first attributes of sovereignty.

We had to get permission of the U. N. to reduce our trade with Czechoslovakia!

And for five years we could not send an ambassador of our own to Spain because the U. N. had passed a resolution asking member nations to withdraw ambassadors.

"World Government"

In recent years there has been a very vocal, well financed movement in the United States for "world government." The United World Federalists has been the leading factor in this. It has been shouted from the housetops that only through "world government" can we preserve peace.

Twenty-three state legislatures passed resolutions favoring the idea. Already, because of the activities of the National Economic Council and other groups, sixteen of these states have rescinded their resolutions.

Not losing heart, however, United World Federalists and other groups seem to have fallen back on the idea of strengthening the U. N. until it becomes a world government with full powers. Perhaps this change of plan is due to the fact that the State Department let it be known a year or so ago that it did not favor any independent organization for world government. It had its own plans for building up the U. N.

Whole "United Nations" sections of the State Department are devoted to promoting the strength and power of the U. N. over the U. S.—in other words, promoting the subjugation of the U. S. to an alien power! This is one reason why the State Department budget has grown from $24 million in 1940 to $361 million in 1950.

The Assembly of the U. N., now in session in Paris, has a 40-page closely printed agenda. Point 18 of this agenda is entitled—

> ~~"Methods which might be used to maintain and~~ strengthen international peace and security in accordance with the Purposes and Principles of the Charter."

It is a report of the so-called "Collective Measures Committee." One of the provisions of Point 18 is that the member nations—

> "should examine their legislation and administrative regulations to ensure that they can carry out, promptly and effectively, United Nations collective measures."

Now, a constitutional amendment is pending before the Congress of the United States, the aim of which is to provide that no treaty ratified by the United States shall in any way affect American sovereignty or supersede the Constitution. What is at least rumor has it that certain leaders of the U. N.—meaning Acheson, Jessup, Eleanor Roosevelt and the European Socialist leaders—have in mind that the U. N. should take some action that would nullify, if possible, the passage of any such constitutional amendment by the United States.

The United Nations planners invoke constantly their love of "peace." But, of course, peace was not the aim of those who cooked up the United Nations and were the architects of its structure, nor of those who are running it today.

The American people were drugged by left-wing propaganda unto accepting the idea of the United Nations in the first place. The method of its organization at San Francisco was inspired by Communists. Alger Hiss was at the helm in San Francisco. And Harry D. White, Under-Secretary of the Treasury and right-hand man of Secretary Morgenthau, was a prominent factor. White died suddenly, and under mysterious circumstances in 1948, just as the investigation of Communists was getting hot. Elizabeth Bentley, in her book "Out of Bondage (p. 164), discloses that White was particularly valuable to her in her Communist activities. Such were some of the active sponsors of U. N. at its birth.

The U. N. people have all along been looking for *control*—world control, *especially* control of the United States.

"While You Slept"

John T. Flynn has just published a book "While You Slept" which should be read by every American who wishes correctly to appraise where America and Americans stand today.*

Mr. Flynn says (Page 156) that the blunders that got us where we are today

> "were the joint product, chiefly, of two men—General George C. Marshall and Secretary of State Dean Acheson. It is, however, fair to say that their blunders were paralleled by that other series which must be traced to the White House while Franklin D. Roosevelt was President. There is no doubt that the State Department had a hand in these too."

Mr. Flynn then adds:

> "What was at the bottom of this singular behavior of our government is not too clear. It is certain that our State Department had made up its mind that we could get along with Communist Russia when the war ended, and that we could trust her as a sincere partner in peace. We now know that this was a tragic mistake. *However, the men who made this mistake are almost all still there in the State Department.*" (Italics ours.)

That last sentence is the crux of the situation. Most of the men responsible for the dire peril America is in today are still at the helm. *In our opinion they propose through the United Nations to complete the selling out of America to a Socialist world.*

There's Only One Thing To Do

Only one course is open to America if she wishes to return to freedom. She must withdraw completely from the U. N. and from all of the alphabetical agencies that threaten her sovereignty.

Left-wingers and unthinking people, as well as many persons who think clearly on some subjects, may say that we have become too involved and that this can't be done.

The Hell it can't!

Since time out of mind every nation has been free to make a treaty or to "denounce" it, as the legal phrase goes. Any other nation, such as Britain or France, would denounce a treaty in a minute if she believed it to be contrary to her interests. *The U. N. treaty must be denounced by the United States.*

Everything about the U. N. is contrary to the interests of the American people. The longer we stay in it the more involved will we become, the greater will be our financial commitments, the more certain will we be to become involved in war.

Some persons may ask, what then would you substitute for the U. N.?

Nothing at all! As in the past, America, free and unrestricted, can build up her strength and, as a single nation, by example and by judicious financial and moral assistance to deserving countries can exercise far more influence for good in the world than she ever can in the U. N. or than the U. N. ever can.

Assuming the U. N. is a goverment (and if it is anything it is a government — a super-government), the American people are living under four layers of government—municipal, state, national and international. *That simply will not work.*

The time has come for the United States to revise her foreign policy. Let her begin by withdrawing completely from the United Nations.

No action would more hearten real Americans.

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SUBJECT: ALFRED WALTER
MISCELLANEOUS

This office received a copy of a letter from the Director dated 1/2/53 to the above captioned individual at the Colonial Hotel, 650 Bush Street, San Francisco 8, California. On the San Francisco copy of this letter it is shown that the New York Office also received a copy, along with a copy of Mr. WALTER's letter to the Director.

The attention of the SACs was called to a publication of the National Economic Council, New York City, in which reference was made to the book "Incentive Management" by JAMES F. LINCOLN. It was stated that JAMES F. LINCOLN is the subject of an active SM-C case.

EXPEDITE PROCESSING

The JAMES F. LINCOLN, author of "Incentive Management" is identified in Who's Who as a Cleveland industrialist, and, inasmuch as a copy of the Director's letter to Mr. WALTER was not forwarded to the SAC, Cleveland, the possibility exists that the JAMES F. LINCOLN who is the subject of an active SM-C case is not the JAMES F. LINCOLN who is the author of "Incentive Management" and a most prominent Cleveland industrialist. This possibility is being called to the attention of the Bureau and the New York Office in a desire to avoid any embarrassment to the Bureau should it be found that the LINCOLN, author of "Incentive Management", is not, in fact, the subject of the SM-C investigation.

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